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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

We're Chided Again

Jane Gilbert, in her "AFL Good and Welfare" column in the Wallace newspaper, People's World, has printed the complaint that the "Editor of The East Bay Labor Journal has been quoting that great friend of labor, Victor Riesel, the columnist who runs a close second to Westbrook Pegler."

Jane should have added that in this "Report" column in our November 28 issue attention was called to the fact that in the preceding issue we had gone to the length of "republishing without comment the distinguished Mr. Pegler's idea that Al Capone and Franklin D. Roosevelt were on the same moral level."

Jane might further have added that in our October 17 issue, on page one, under a four-column head, "First Week of AFL Convention: Gas Attack or Prestige-Builder?" we quoted Jane's own comment that "as of today, the sessions of . . . the national AFL convention . . . have been more dull and tedious than any businessman's luncheon club." Moreover, in that same story we cited the fact that "some AFL people . . . sighed and said, 'There's something to what she says.'"

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News of Ideas

In this column on November 28 we explained the policy of running in this newspaper material from sources with which our own policy is always or often in disagreement in these words:

"This running of ideas as news is difficult, we have heard, for some of our readers to accept. They feel that only sound, standard ideas, with the official approval of Matt Woll or Bill Green or Dave Beck or men of their high standing, should be published in a labor paper.

"But if you once get the feeling that ideas are news just as much as events are, and that it pays to keep up with them, you don't worry about whether Matt or Bill or Dave, or even Tom, Dick, and Harry have given them the hierarchical sanction."

But of course poor Jane works in a straitjacket, away from the main course of sound American journalism, just as do labor editors of the type we referred to as always waiting for AFL hierarchical sanction. So Jane can't, officially at least, approve of running all sorts of ideas as news.

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Riesel Worth Reading

As for Riesel, while he cracks down on some labor leaders and on the tactics of some unions, we feel that on the whole the Richmond Independent and Mr. Knowland's little Tribune do a public service by publishing Riesel's forthright comment.

Riesel has a good record. He was formerly editor of the New Leader, that weekly labor-liberal paper of nationwide circulation which deserves more reading by alert AFL folk in the East Bay.

It is true that as an increasing number of reactionary sheets, such as the Knowland Tribune, publish Riesel's column, one sometimes gets the feeling that in manner at least if not in substance he mixes in a little condemnation of labor for the purpose of placating the publisher-clients.

Every journalist is prone to use at times a little soft soap to keep the publisher from blocking access to the public.

People's World prejudice against Riesel is only natural. He's an expert at turning stones over to show the sowbugs under 'em.

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Even Mr. Pegler!

Odd thing about that is, though, that some time ago Labor, the railway men's famous weekly, made a bitter attack on Riesel, claiming that he was always playing in with the Commies. Just where Labor got that idea we never could figure out. Looks as though the railway paper split a switch on that one, and got off onto a rusty sidetrack.

Even Pegler sometimes tells the painful truth about some particular union. The difference between Pegler and Riesel is that Pegler hates unionism in principle, hates every manifestation of unionism from top to bottom; whereas Riesel, if we diagnose him correctly, loves unionism, and follows the maxim, Spare the rod and spoil the child.

That's a principle, too, that labor editors in general need to follow a little more than they do. Trouble is, the child fights back, and bats the editor over the head with the said rod.

Man Who Helped Put T-H Over Is Fed Up

United Press reports that Rep. Thomas L. Owens, (Rep., Ill.), who helped frame the Taft-Hartley law, said "we would be better off without the law on the books."

Owens made the statement while conducting a hearing into the printers' strike against Chicago newspapers. He said he was expressing his personal opinion, and that he would recommend to Congress that the law be repealed.

Owens' statement was made in an exchange with Joe Rhoden, chairman of the negotiating committee for Local 16 of the International Typographical Union. (AFL).

RETIREMENT PLAN guaranteeing monthly income for all employes retiring at 65, has been announced by Moore Business Forms. All employes with the company five years are eligible to join the plan after reaching the age of 35. The company employs about 1000 at Emeryville.

AFL Men Ask Demos' Head For 'Purge'

Leaders of the AFL from both sides of the Bay, acting as individuals, conferred with Senator J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island, Democratic National Chairman, in San Francisco this week.

A representative of The Labor Journal, attending two of the conferences with the Democratic leader, noted that all the AFL leaders who spoke up expressed the opinion that the "Wallace Democrats" should be ousted from the county committee and the State committee of the Democratic Party.

McGRATH'S STATEMENT

"They have no right to stay in the Democratic Party, and work for the election of a third party candidate," was the contention advanced.

McGrath made a statement to the press that "we are not reading anybody out of the Democratic Party; it is my hope that those Democrats who are honestly for Wallace may soon realize the futility of it and remain in the Democratic fold."

When similar statements were made by McGrath to the AFL leaders conferring with him, they said that they feared he did not realize how systematically organized the drive for Wallace was among certain committeemen of the Democratic Party.

"A LEGAL QUESTION"

"Why should the representatives of a rival party sit with real Democrats on the committees and help us choose our candidates in the Congressional and Legislature districts?" was one question thrown at McGrath.

McGrath and Gael Sullivan, his associate on the trip West, took the attitude that there was a serious legal question involved, and that a suit now in court in Los Angeles might clarify the situation.

THE DOWNEY DISPUTE

The AFL leaders contended that whatever the technicalities might be, the third party men should not be allowed to attend meetings where Democratic Party policy and choice of candidates were being considered.

Another subject on which the AFL men took a firm stand was the controversy over Senator Downey's effort to break down the 160-acre limitation in Central Valley. It was insisted that unless the Democrats came out for retaining the 160-acre limitation and for other liberal measures, large numbers of votes would go to Wallace and the third party which otherwise would go to Truman as the standard bearer for the Democrats.

WALLACE MEN BUSY

While the AFL men were pressing these matters on the Democratic leaders, the Wallace advocates were very active throughout the State.

William S. Lawrence, member of the Los Angeles county Democratic Committee, whose chairman, Rollin McNitt, is demanding the ouster of the "Wallace Democrats," told McGrath that if he listened to those demanding a purge he would be attempting "the impossible job of trying to re-elect Truman and trying to drive everyone for Wallace out of the Democratic Party."

Lawrence, who is a director of the CIO Longshoremen, of which Harry Bridges, a Wallace supporter, is president, declared it was necessary to "get all Democrats and progressives to elect a good Congress and a good Legislature" in spite of differences over Truman and Wallace.

"STUDENTS FOR WALLACE"

Benjamin Dreyfus, chairman of the Fourth and Fifth Congressional District groups favoring Wallace, said he was telling McGrath "what is wrong with Truman," and that "we want to disabuse Senator McGrath of the idea that the only interest among California Democrats is who will control Federal jobs."

In Berkeley on Sunday a "Students for Wallace" movement was launched, which aspires to become a State-wide organization. Hugh Bryson of the CIO Marine Cooks, chairman of the third party drive in California, spoke to the organizers of this movement.

In Nevada and Oregon the Wallaceites announced plans to press their campaign.

The State executive committee of the Democratic Party will meet in Oakland January 31, partly to discuss the dispute between State Chairman James Roosevelt and Edwin W. Pauley, who this week resigned as Democratic national committeeman for this State.

CONGRESSMAN MILLER told Associated Press in Washington recently that the controversy over what Government agency shall construct Folsom Dam, part of the Central Valley Project, has been settled, President Truman told him, and that construction work should begin soon.

NOTICE!

STEAMFITTERS' LOCAL UNION 342

Steamfitters and Refrigeration Local Union 342 will have Installation of newly elected officers January 10, 1948 at 8:00 P.M. The Place—Jenny Lind Hall, 2229 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

A Buffet Lunch, Refreshments and Dancing will be provided for the members and their wives.

Our next regular meeting will be held as usual, January 15, 8:00 P.M., Labor Temple, Oakland.

—JOHN DAVY,
Fin. Sec., Bus. Rep.

East Bay Leaders Condemn Wallace Third Party Drive

East Bay AFL leaders and Secretary Treasurer C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor, were strong in their condemnation of Henry Wallace's candidacy for the Presidency on a third party ticket, when interviewed by The Labor Journal.

C. J. HAGGERTY

"It would be strange indeed," said Haggerty, "it AFL members in California should abandon the comprehensive, ambitious, and constructive program of political activity which was worked out by 2000 delegates of our million members in California.

"The AFL in California is dedicated to the task of cooperating with other citizens who wish to see the State Senate reapportioned, and to electing men to the Legislature and to Congress who will not be part of Senator Taft's anti-labor machine.

"Those who are supporting Wallace and the third party are dedicated to an attempt to destroy our plans, to injure labor, and thereby to help the Taft forces."

ROBERT S. ASH

Robert S. Ash, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor and secretary of the Central Labor Council of Alameda county, said:

"I think that those people who are supposed to be Democrats, and who are on the Democratic Party's county committees and State committee, yet who are for Wallace and his third party, should get off the committees and out of the Democratic Party. They're either Democrats or third party men—they can't be both.

"For some time I was more or less of a Wallace man myself. But his recent actions have, I believe, ruined him for all time with those who honestly want liberal government."

AL CLEM

Al Clem, president of the Building and Construction Trades Council, said:

"My personal opinion is that Wallace is being used by certain people whose deliberate purpose is to do harm to the legitimate labor movement.

"I think that it is time that every honest labor union member became aware of what is going on, and what are the dark horses back of the Wallace third party movement."

JACK REYNOLDS

Jack Reynolds, business representative of the Building Trades Council, said:

"I almost started to say that anything I'd say on this subject would be unprintable, for Wallace's action is of course about as bad a thing as could be done by anyone at this time of national and international crisis.

"Wallace, as I figure it, is the unwitting tool of the Communists. It has been well said that the Communists supply the best political valet service in the world. And this should be borne in mind.

"Yes, this political valet service will write a man's speeches, cook his breakfast, do his thinking, shine his shoes, cash his checks, arrange his meetings, and do anything else while they're using him.

"Wallace is undoubtedly surrounded by men who are not fools, but who are brilliant strategists, and who are doing all the damage they can to labor.

"We should not underestimate the damage Wallace and his candidacy can do, but must work very hard to offset it.

"And one thing is sure—the Wallace third party people should be kicked out of the Democratic Party's committees. No Fifth Column in the Democratic Party!"

A. G. ALAMEIDA

A. G. Alameida, president of the Central Labor Council, said:

"The Wallace candidacy is intended to hurt the Democrats and labor, without helping anyone who is worthy of help. In labor, we should be alert, and on the watch for the operations of the well organized machine that is pulling off this show."

WM. P. FEE

William P. Fee, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, said:

"It's a plain case of a sorehead trying to do damage to his own party and doing a lot of damage to others in the process.

"To say that it is an unfortunate development for labor and the liberals in this country and in the world is putting it mildly, to say the least. But we should not be bluffed. We have our own program. Let's stick to it."

Regional Parks Hit New High For Use

Use of the East Bay Regional Park District set a new record during 1947 according to attendance figures released by Richard E. Walpole, manager of the Regional Park District. During a period from April to November first, 2,378,168 persons made active use of the Park facilities—this represents an increase of 610,585 over attendance in 1946.

Breaking the total attendance down: Tilden Regional Park showed use by 1,329,344 persons, Temescal Regional Park 347,037, and Redwood Regional Park 37,115.

Operating on a yearly budget of $175,000, Walpole pointed out that the Regional Park District had given the East Bay a recreation program during 1947 that provided swimming, golf, tennis, picnicing, hiking, club-building use, play areas, and horseback riding at a cost to East Bay taxpayers of approximately 14c for each person using the park facilities.

Labor Men See Wallace, Taft, Stalin United

WASHINGTON, (LPA)—AFL officials were unanimous, in a nationwide radio discussion of what's ahead for 1948, that the announcement that Henry Wallace would run for president meant no break in the anti-democratic front.

AFL economist Boris Shiskin, legislative representative Lewis Hines, and publicist Philip Pearl agreed that Henry Wallace and Republican hopeful Sen. Robert Taft were still on the same—anti-democratic side of the street on such vital questions as what to do with the Marshall Plan.

The Machinist, newspaper of the International Association of Machinists, columnist Joe Henry bids farewell to Henry Wallace. This one-time able ally of labor should "go back to his farm and tend his chickens before he hatches a Taftwit," Joe Henry thinks.

"Wallace's ideas on foreign policy have made him the momentary idol of the Russianists in this country—that strange band of little men and women who let the Russian foreign office do their thinking for them, who believe whatever helps the Kremlin benefits the world," The Machinist continues.

"The Kremlin would like to see Bob Taft as President," and "their only chance to help elect Taft was to convince Wallace to start a third party and split off progressive votes from the Democratic Party."

"That's what the Russians want," the IAM columnist concludes, "and unhappily that's what Henry Wallace is trying to do."

AFL Typos Putting Taft-Hartley Act Itself on Trial

CHICAGO (LPA) — The Taft-Hartley Act practically went on trial here as a sub-committee of the House Labor Committee swung into the second week of hearings into the strike of the International Typographical Union-AFL on six Chicago daily newspapers.

Spokesmen both for the publishers and for the Typos blamed the Act for snarling up labor-management relations in the industry. The former, however, insisted on a contract complying with the Act, while the Typos wanted one that would get around the pitfalls of the law.

OWENS' STATEMENT

At one point, as union witnesses denounced the law, Rep. Thomas L. Owens (R., Ill.), chairman of the sub-committee, broke out with this surprising statement:

"If leaders of labor want to abolish the Taft-Hartley Act, I will be in accord with that. There should not be an act on the books that would help employers only."

Then he went on to claim that the Act "is advantageous to labor also," but in the same breath declared that "The government should not interfere with labor contracts."

Whether Owens meant all he said, or was merely grandstanding at the moment, wasn't certain, but labor observers felt his remarks showed that some Republicans, at least, aren't happy over the T-H Act.

Meanwhile, John L. Pilch, president of Local 16 here, made it clear that "we really are going to put the heat on soon;" in other words, that the local will redouble its fight for a showdown with the publishers.

NEW WALKOUT LOOMS

He indicated that the 3600 members employed in commercial print shops may soon walk out, too, as a result of a breakdown in negotiations for a wage increase and for "conditions of employment" that protect the "closed shop." The old contract expired on New Year's eve, though the printers did not immediately follow that up with a stoppage.

Should they walk out also that would prove a serious blow to the publishers of the dailies. Up to now, the dailies have been able to operate by having private print shops turn out the display "ads" and by having the news of the day typewritten. A shutdown of the print shops would cripple advertising revenue for the papers.

Another significant development of the week was a disclosure by the ITU that, outside of Chicago and a handful of other cities, many daily newspapers are going along with the union's "no contract" policy. So far, the ITU said, "225 local unions and their employers are happy without contracts but with increased wages—all of these since August 22, 1947."

HAYWARD MAYOR John Haar has expressed willingness to accept the office of City Manager on a temporary basis without pay. Leo O'Hara, $7200 City Manager, resigned effective Jan. 1.

Dan Should Buy His Xmas Cards At This Office

Herb Caen: S. F. Chronicle

. . . Oversight of the week: Ted White, of the Int'l Teamsters Union, got a beautiful Christmas card from his big boss, Int'l Pres. Daniel J. Tobin—a card containing a noble sentiment, a handsome illustration, fine printing; everything, in fact, except the union "bug"!

Culinary Workers' Top U. S. Board to Meet in Oakland

The international executive board of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America will convene in Oakland for the first time in the history of the international, on March 15.

H. J. (Hub) Badger, secretary of the Culinary Workers Joint Executive Board, in announcing this said that there are 15 members of the international board, which consists of the two general officers, 10 district vice-presidents, and three vice-presidents at large.

Notice is being sent to all locals of the union throughout the nation of the meeting to be held here, and it is estimated that 100 persons will be here from various locals to take up matters with the board.

Hugo Ernst, originally from the Waiters Union in San Francisco, is general president, and Ed Miller is general secretary-treasurer.

Office Employes 29 Win Wage Increase On Richmond Paper

John Kinnick, business agent of Office Employes Local 29 reports that negotiations have recently been completed with the Richmond Independent in Richmond.

"Our people receive a $15.50 monthly increase in wages with a re-opening date for wages and hours only six months from now," says Kinnick.

Local 29 also recently organized the American News Company in Berkeley and is now negotiating with the company.

Negotiations are being completed at the Interstate Utilities Corporation, 408 21st Street, Oakland.

Employes will receive an increase in wages and a great improvement in working conditions, along with vacation and sick leave provisions.

Sisters Helen Steigel and Evelyn Flucht, who are employed by Interstate, are on the negotiating committee and deserve much credit for their efforts, says Kinnick.

The Alameda County Organizing Committee of Local 29 recently lost their chairman, Brother Harry Bateman, as he moved to Denver. Organizer Sander, Business Agent and Mrs. Kinnick, President Colliver, and Committee Member Jean Senander gave him a little send-off dinner the evening before he left, with everyone trying to give Harry air-jitters, as it was his first trip by air.

Thousands Attend Gigantic Christmas Fete, Culinary 31

A statement from the office of Culinary Workers Alliance Local 31 at 1111 Clay street to The Labor Journal says:

"Thousands of members were made happy all day and far into the night of Tuesday, December 23.

"Santa Claus was there to take care of the little folks all afternoon.

"The menu included turkey, ham, and all the trimmings.

"Soft drink bars, ice cream dispensers, and so on, did a big business, you can be sure.

"There was dancing at night before the brilliantly lighted Christmas tree. And hundreds of couples danced far into the night to good music—memories which will not soon be forgotten.

"No names, please, as the glory belongs to all who attended. The big men of labor were there, and all in all, Local 31 seems to have experienced its most joyous day."

AFL Radio Program Changes Schedule

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFL News)—Commencing January 4, the American Federation of Labor shifted its radio activities to a new program entitled "America United," a half-hour round-table discussion of pertinent and timely topics of interest to labor and the nation.

The program, originating from Washington, will be heard from 1-1:30 p.m. each Sunday over the nationwide network of the National Broadcasting Company. Consult your local newspapers for the exact time of the broadcast in your community.

The topic for the January 4 broadcast is "What Should Congress Do in 1948?" Participants in the discussion will include Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Fred Bailey, representing the National Grange, Don Young of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and Philip Pearl, the AFL's director of publicity.

OAKLAND'S INDUSTRIAL development during 11 months of 1947 forged ahead to the extent of 56 new plants with a total investment of more than $15,000,000, according to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. These new industries will add $14,742,000 to Alameda county's industrial pay roll and will provide approximately 5000 new jobs when in full operation. Major expansions for the year total 107, with an investment of $22,558,257. They will provide 2408 new jobs and increase industrial pay rolls by more than $7,000,000.

A BALTIMORE ORGANIZER of the AFL Distillery, Rectifying and Wine Workers' International Union called upon the churches to join with Labor and management in helping to solve the problems facing workers and business.

Four Nominated For CLC Board Vacancy; Election Jan. 12th

Nominations were made Monday night at the Central Labor Council for the position on the CLC Executive Board made vacant by the resignation of Bob Franklin.

The following were nominated:

Walter Meckel, Culinary Alliance 31.

Ed Henson, Carmen 192.

Fred Brooks, Pressmen 125.

Paul Gatze, Technical Engineers 89.

One of the four will be elected at the CLC meeting, Monday, January 12.

Bakery Drivers Elect, Assess for Polls, Aid Strike

Bakery Drivers Local 432 combined election of officers with a re-apportionment signature drive, the registering of voters, and contributions to the Di Giorgio strike and the State Federation political campaign.

Following are the results of the three contests:

President: S. J. Wright, incumbent, 265; Karle Lepple, 188.

Business Representative: Paul Fuhrer, incumbent, 386; Charles Conrad, 64.

Trustee: Pete Kinst, 238; John Rosa, incumbent, 214.

Petitions for the State Senate re-apportionment received 400 signatures from those present.

Verna Eliason of the Building Trades Council office, present as a deputy registrar, registered 125 persons, making them eligible to vote in the 1948 elections.

The sum of $100 was contributed to the National Farm Labor Union strike against the Di Giorgio farm in the San Joaquin valley.

The State Federation of Labor convention's request that every affiliated local union contribute one dollar per member for the reapportionment drive and one dollar per member for the campaign to elect Congressmen and members of the Legislators was discussed. As a result, $1000 goes from Local 432 to the campaign fund.

Labor Man Blocks Militia Misuse in New Constitution

Fresno Labor Citizen

Members of a legislative committee studying revision of the state constitution rejected a proposal to broaden the governor's power in calling out the militia after Secretary Chet Cary of the Fresno Central Labor Council noted the troops thus might be used to put down strikes.

LABOR MAN BACKED

The committee, meeting in Santa Barbara, backed up Cary's objection and turned down the proposal, drafted by Norris Burke, general counsel for the group. Burke had suggested this revision:

"The governor is commander-in-chief of the militia; and, whenever in his judgment necessary, may call out the state militia to execute the laws of this state or to enable the civilian officers to discharge their duties."

"Cary objected to the wording because "sometimes the discretion of civilian officers is not good," explaining he feared such a provision might cause the governor to send the militia in labor disputes at the request of civilian authorities "when it was not necessary."

CALDECOTT CHAIRMAN

Other committee members, upheld Cary because the subject "might be politically touchy," and tentatively voted not to recommend a change in the constitution's language, which now provides the governor may "call out the militia to uphold the laws of the state, to surpress insurrections, or to repel invasions."

Headed by Assemblyman Thomas W. Caldecott, the committee is made up of Burke, Cary, Chief Paul Mason of the department of motor vehicles, James H. Phillips of the California State Employes Association, and Beach Vasey, legislative representative for Governor Earl Warren.

AFL HODCARRIERS and the S. F. Plastering Contractors Association announce renewal of their contract for a year, with no change in wage scale. They get $2 an hour for a six-hour day. Employers agree to use them two hours more daily at double time, with double time for a 15-minute starting period. The total is $21 per day for a five-day week.

NOTICE!

HAYWARD CARPENTERS!

Notice to all members of The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America who have permits for work outside of the regular 40 hour week issued by Chas. A. Roe, Business Representative of Local 1622, ALL PERMITS are cancelled as of this date and new permits must be secured not later than January 15, 1947.

—H. E. REDDING,
Recording Secretary

Marshall Out As President Teamsters 70

James H. Marshall lost the presidency of Teamsters Local 70 in a three-cornered race, part of an election in which there were several overturns, but in which Charles Real, secretary-treasurer, was elected to that post for the 23d year.

George M. King won the presidency. The other contestant in the three-cornered race was John Carvalho.

Frank DeMartini was re-elected vice-president, defeating William Cabral.

The position of three-year trustee brought on another three-cornered race, with the incumbent Gordon Bradford ousted by Henry White, and with Joe Louisa also running.

For trustee, one year term, Al Maderos was elected, defeating Charles DeLong and Wayne Windrom. This position was vacant when the election was held.

Five ran for the four business agent posts, Joe Tavis failing to make it, and the four incumbents being re-elected: Frank Church, Elwood Heaney, Ernest Mulgrew, and Cy Stulting.

Walter Earl went in as recording secretary without opposition. George Alves as hiring hall dispatcher had no contest.

Charles Real, now beginning his 23d term as secretary-treasurer, is a former vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, and heads the District Council of Teamsters for the Bay Area.

The changes in officers resulting from the election affect the local's executive board, which consists of the president and vice-president, the three trustees, recording secretary, and secretary-treasurer.

Local 70 holds membership meetings first and third Thursdays, and executive board meetings second and fourth Tuesdays.

Robinson Now Mayor Of San Francisco

Elmer Robinson took office as Mayor of San Francisco Thursday in the midst of many rumors of changes on commissions and boards and on the police force.

Robinson, who during his campaign was a Superior Judge, came in first in a three-man race, followed by Congressman Franck R. Havenner, backed by more members of the labor unions than the other candidates, and by Supervisor Chester MacPhee, backed by downtown business elements.

During the campaign, Robinson was accused by Havenner and MacPhee of having underworld support. Labor supporters of Havenner are awaiting with interest the announcements Robinson makes of his appointments among his labor backers in the campaign.

AFL Pilots Protest As Landis Dropped

CHICAGO (LPA) — On the heels of a statement from the Air Line Pilots' Association-AFL that a powerful lobby was working against the reappointment of James M. Landis as chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, came an announcement this week from the White House that Landis is being dropped.

President David Behncke of ALPA, said that Landis had acted "in the interests of improving the safety of the traveling public and against the use of power politics" in the industry. He charged that the action of the powerful management group, the Air Transport Association, in filing a dissenting report to that of the President's Special Board of Inquiry on Air Safety, which Landis also headed, was a "stab in the back" to the cause of air safety, and an attempt to exert pressure against Landis' reappointment.

IAM Provides For Slum Play Center

ST. LOUIS (LPA)—A new recreation center in the heart of St. Louis' tenement area will be built as the result of a collection of funds by members of District 9 of the International Association of Machinists.

A total of $23,475.84 has been contributed by IAM members in this area, which was turned over last week to the Salvation Army, which will operate a child guidance and play center in the city's slum district. More than 20,000 IAM members took part in the fund drive, which was carried on in the shops by the IAM stewards.

Laundry Drivers Install Officers

Officers of Laundry Drivers Local 209 who were recently elected were installed Tuesday by retiring President Otto Raithel as follows:

President, Edward Hafer; vice-president, Daniel Fraser; recording secretary, W. P. Gibbons (re-elected); financial secretary, T. C. Murray (re-elected); trustee (3 years) Dock Mason; business representative, Newton Shawl (re-elected.)

Organizer Clyde Jackson reported splendid progress, and said he expected still better results with the opening of the new year.

S. F. JOB PRINTERS have won a wage increase of $10.50 a week, affecting 750 persons.

Nothing Personal

A casual visitor standing around the lobby of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco on Monday and Tuesday of this week might have received the impression that there was a convention of the AFL in session at the hotel because darn near every prominent AFL leader in Northern California was seen at the meetings held by National Chairman, Senator McGrath of the Democratic Party. The AFL members had an hour long session with the Senator and presented Labor's program to the National Demo chief. Discussions were held on the third party movement, the 160-acre limitation, the '48 campaign and other vital matters to the AFL movement. The AFL leaders, all invited to the meetings as individuals, comprised leaders from both sides of the bay and from other sections of Northern California.

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Leading the AFL contingent were President Shelley and Secretary Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor. Representing the east side of the bay were Jack Reynolds of the BTC and Secretary Ash of the CLC. AFL Representative John Sweeney and E. H. Vernon of the Machinists were others who were with the AFL contingent. Vice-President of the State Federation Harry Finks, Jack Goldberger of the Union Labor party of S. F., Barney Mayes of the State Federation, Pat Frayne who is handling the State Reapportionment measure, Joe O'Sullivan of the Carpenters of San Francisco, Mrs. O'Brien of the S.F. Waitresses Union, and Dan Scannell of the State County and Municipal Employes of San Mateo made up others of the AFL representation.

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The Demo party tossed a buffet supper for Senator McGrath and other leaders of the party and several East Bay labor representatives were present as other well-known Alameda County personalities. John Peregoy, of the Laborers Union, Local 304, Pat Fogarty of Shipwrights Union, Local 1149, and Jeff Cohelan of the Milk Wagon Drivers, as well as Cliff Hildebrand of the R. R. Brotherhoods, G. H. Hager of the Brotherhoods and R. H. Simpson were seen chatting over the situation with the National Demo leader.

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Mayor Joseph E. Smith, who was elected mayor of Oakland at last years election with Labor backing, Robert Looney, secretary to the Mayor, Dyke Brown, Francis Dunn, Assemblyman from the 13th district, Congressman George P. Miller, and several other Demo chiefs from the East side of the bay held meetings with the Senator and were present at both the luncheon and the buffet. Every Demo chief in Northern California was seen in and around the hotel and while newspaper reports on the meetings have been on the meager side, with the lineup that was present on Monday morning and afternoon it looks like mayhap the party will be solidified for the coming campaign.

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Shure now, we understand that all of the happy Irish by the name of Fogarty are cutting up touches these days and no wonder. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fogarty the forepart of last week was the third offspring in that rapidly growing Irish Clan. The newborn, a little colleen, was christened Deidre Fogarty and we are happy to report that mother and DAD are doing excellently and congratulations are in order for both Mom and Dad.

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With the announcement made on Tuesday that Jack Maltester of the Printing Specialties and Paper Converters Union was made a Councilman of the city of San Leandro, all of organized labor in the East Bay area can heartily approve. Jack Maltester has long been a leader in his respective union and in the AFL movement in San Francisco. A native San Leandran Jack made an unsuccessful race for the council two years ago but polled a tremendous vote for his first venture in the political field. Jack knows the problems of our neighboring city and organized labor can feel assured that Jack will do an excellent job for the City of San Leandro.

Housing Authority, BTC in Negotiation

The Building Trades Council is negotiating renewal of its contract with the Oakland Housing Authority, reports Business Representative Jack Reynolds.

PERMANENTE FOUNDATION has purchased the 50-bed Don-Rae-Dae hospital at 331 Pennsylvania street, San Francisco, in an extension of its operations in the West Bay area.

SOVIET UNION will be the strongest industrial power in Asia with the present generation, says Robert J. Kerner, Sather professor of history at University of California.

ATTENTION,

PAINTERS!

Annual dinner dance of Painters Local 127, beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 16, in Florentine Room, Hotel Claremont.

HUGHIE RUTLEDGE,
Business Representative.

Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

LPA Summarizes Statements Made On Wallace Move

Labor Press Associates

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), the NAM's white hope for the Republican nomination for President, told reporters that he is "very happy" about Henry A. Wallace's decision to run as an independent candidate in 1948. Taft's campaign manager, Rep. Clarence Brown, said "This makes it sure we will have a Republican President in 1948."

Democratic National Committee Chairman J. Howard McGrath doesn't agree. He thinks that the Wallace move "will clear the atmosphere in the coming campaign." He said that Wallace's sole motive is to "defeat the bipartisan foreign policy of the U.S., which can have only one result, namely the victory of the Communist foreign policy of Russia."

In her column "My Day," Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt expressed her disappointment with Wallace's recent political activities and said "He will merely destroy the very things he wishes to achieve. I am sorry that he has listened to people as inept as he is himself."

SENATOR PEPPER

Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) and James Roosevelt, Democratic state chairman in California, both of whom have been friendly to Wallace in the past, have announced that they will support Truman for reelection, but Sen. Glen Taylor (D., Idaho) is "giving consideration" to running for the vice-presidency with Wallace, who has asked him to do so. "It is very difficult question," Taylor says.

Aside from Progressive Citizens of America which called upon Wallace to run, and the Communist Party's official paper, the Daily Worker, which said editorially: "Wallace, of course is not a Communist, but Communists have always been ready to cooperate sincerely with every forward-looking social movement. They are an integral part of the new peoples' movement to carry forward the anti-monopoly fight begun by Franklin Roosevelt, a fight now waged under new conditions and with a new alignment of political forces," other "left-wing" political groups and papers are staying clear of Wallace's new party.

The New Dealish Americans for Democratic Action asserts, "Irrespective of Mr. Wallace's intentions, the goals of his sponsors are clear. They hope to divide progressives, create national confusion and insure triumphs of reactionary isolationism in 1948. They believe the achievement of these aims will serve the interests of the international Communist movement."

SOCIALIST PARTY

Announcing that it too will run an independent campaign, the Socialist Party said: "America needs a new party—but it must come only from those who want democracy in political and economic life—not from apologists for dictatorship. Wallace's party will not be anti-capitalist. Even in Labor Britain he termed himself a progressive Tory."

The newspaper PM, which has often agreed with Wallace's views, wrote, "The third party movement is not synonymous with American independent progressivism. It contains no trade-union strength except that of the Communist wing, and no liberal strength except that which is willing to follow the leadership of that wing."

WALLACE'S SPEECH

Speaking in Chicago, the same city where by order of Franklin D. Roosevelt Wallace was dropped from the Democratic ticket in 1944, the former vice-president called for a new party that will fight for "peace and abundance." He denounced the Marshall Plan for European recovery, claiming that it is dividing Europe into two warring camps. Not only will the new party oppose Truman's reelection, he said, but it will also campaign against all Congressmen who support universal military training.

Admitting that the new party cannot hope for electoral success, Wallace said that his army is "small in number, powerful in conviction, ready in action" and that a large "peace vote" will show the world that the U.S. does not support the "bi-partisan, reactionary foreign policy." Wallace did not outline any economic policy for his new party, but ascribed the high cost of living to "war preparations." He made no direct mention of the Taft-Hartley law.

1947 Construction Over $12,800,000

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AFL News)—New construction in the United States increased 30 per cent during 1947 and cost in excess of $12,800,000,000, the Department of Commerce estimated.

The level of new construction in the last two months of 1947 gave general support, according to the department, to the estimates for 1948 announced in mid-November. These figures, a joint estimate of the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor, indicated that the total new construction in 1947 probably would reach $15,000,000,000, or an 18 per cent gain over the total for 1947.

New private construction in 1947, estimated at $9,878,000,000, showed a rise of 28 per cent in comparison with the corresponding figure for 1946. Privately financed public utility construction in 1947 totaled $1,308,000,000, a gain of 53 per cent over 1946.

E. A. FILENE COOPERATIVE of Virginia, is the first co-op department store in the U. S. The Retail Clerks-AFL local in Washington has invested $1000 in 20 shares of stock in the store. The Washington Union Label League also has invested, as has President Clem Preller of the Central Labor Union. Glen Wall, member of the research staff of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL, is secretary of the cooperative. (LPA)

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Profs Organize To Study Labor

CHICAGO (LPA)—The university professors who teach about labor now have a special association to exchange ideas and promote discussion of "all aspects in the field of labor." The Industrial Relations Research Association was formally organized during the holidays in connection with meetings of economists' associations here.

First president is Prof. Edwin E. Witte, of the University of Wisconsin, for several years a public member of the National War Labor Board. Secretary is Prof. W. H. McPherson of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Illinois.

"The Association will take no partisan attitude on questions of policy in the field of labor, nor will it commit its members to any position on such questions," the constitution of the new group provides. Membership will be open to anyone interested in research in the field of labor.

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER FROM LOCAL B-82

Regular union meetings this month are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday, 3rd Thursday and 4th Saturday. The Wednesday and Saturday meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and the Thursday meeting will take place at 11:30 p.m. All meetings will be held in the meeting hall upstairs from the business office at 339 - 15th Street, Oakland.

Nominations will be held on the 1st and 2nd meetings of the month for all elective offices. Balloting for all contested offices will be held immediately following the night meeting and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of the month.

At this writing we do not know who any of the candidates will be, and at no time will this column attempt to ask your support for any candidate, but we do ask you to vote.

Nominations are restricted to members who have been in good financial standing for the past year. No nomination will be accepted from the floor unless the candidate is present and does not wish to decline or unless he has his written consent on file with the Recording Secretary to be a candidate for any office.

Offices to be filled include: President, Vice-President, Business Manager, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, two Sergeant-at-Arms, 10 Executive Board members and 3 members of the Board of Trustees.

Candidates for the Executive Board must work in the district from which they are elected in 7 cases. The other three members of the Board are members-at-large and can be elected regardless of where they work, except that at least one must be from the outdoor field. The seven board members to be elected from the districts are as follows: Hayward-San Leandro, Alameda, Richmond, Berkeley-Albany, North Oakland, Downtown Oakland, East Oakland.

This is another opportunity for you to actively participate in the selection of your officers. Use your vote now, not your voice later. Your vote may be silent but it carries more weight than your voice.

Chicago Reporters 'Adopt' a Printer In Chicago Strike

The Guild Reporter

CHICAGO—Christmas was a little merrier this year for one of the members of Chicago Typographical Union No. 16 (AFL) because of the Community Press unit of the Chicago Newspaper Guild.

The printer—let's call him Joe—is the father of two children. At one time he worked on one of the Caplan-Lerner papers—the chain of 21 neighborhood newspapers under contract with the Chicago Guild. But by the time the strike was called, he had shifted to the composing room of one of the downtown dailies.

Members of the Community Press unit—where there is no strike—have followed with intense interest Joe's strike activities. They delegated themselves as a committee to see that Joe's family had as nearly normal a Christmas as possible.

They decided to "adopt" Joe for the duration of the strike. There'll be a ten spot every week to add to Joe's strike benefits, Community Press members announced.

At the Sun and Times (Field), where the beginning of the strike Guildsmen have provided a modest canteen at a nearby restaurant-bar for the pickets, more than $500 in voluntary contributions from Sun and Times Guild members has been expended for coffee, sandwiches and beer for the printers.

THE AMERICAN VETERANS Committee (AVC) announced it has undertaken as its main effort for the next 12 months "an organized, year-round campaign" to get out the veteran vote in the 1948 election.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Howard Beck, B. O'Dell, Vern Crispin, Val Soulie, Ralph Wood, J. McLennan, E. Fullmer, Ed Russell, David Barton, Chas. Taylor, E. McCarn, Martin VanHale, R. Parsell, Wm. Fowler, Geo. Richards, M. Pilione, L. Van Landingham, P. Haughom, Chas. Davey, R. Newman, Chas. Lawrence, F. Miguel, Lou Horning, Dale Hildreth, A. Curry, Paul Anderson, C. White, Harry Thomas, Austin Tibbits, Ed Smilovitz, O. L. Ferguson, H. Hansen.

We regret to report the death of brother August Bucholz, who was struck by an auto and killed on December 30th. The local extends its deep sympathy to the family of brother Bucholz.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We still have a good many tickets available in the office for our annual dinner dance and entertainment to be held Friday evening, January 16, in the Florentine Room of the Hotel Claremont. This is the famous hotel on the Oakland-Berkeley line at the end of Claremont avenue.

As this will be the last issue before the affair we are giving all those who plan on attending the following information: Park as near as you can to the main entrance. On entering the lobby signs will direct you to the Florentine Room where dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 P.M. This dinner and entertainment is definitely not a formal dress affair. At the door to the Florentine room you will be escorted to your table by a member of the committee who will see that you are properly seated. We ask that you please be there at least by 7:30 P.M. Afetr dinner the floor show is scheduled to go on in a fine program of entertainment with Johnny O'Brien the well known radio artist acting as Master of Ceremonies.

After the floor show during which time the tables will be cleared, dancing will commence to the tune of Jackson Terry's band. Dancing will continue until early morning.

The entire evening of entertainment and dinner will cost $2.00 each, which is a fraction of the cost to the local. We started at first to limit each brother to two tickets but we are now permitting the inviting of guests.

If you have not secured your tickets please do so at once as we would like to know in advance approximately how many dinners will be served. After the dinner the floor show and dancing will be free to all members and their guests.

The entertainment committee has gone to great trouble to bring you a fine evening of entertainment so please pick up your tickets as soon as possible. Hope we see you at the annual ball Friday January 16th.

Work has slowed down to some extent but not too many of the brothers unemployed at this slack period. Don't forget to call in the office if your employer can use another man.

Unemployment insurance payments have been raised to $25.00 per week maximum by the State and unemployment disability insurance has been raised to $30.00 per week under our group insurance plan.

Dues for the first quarter of 1948 are now being collected in the office. Next meeting of the local will be January 22.

PUBLISHERS WASTE NEWSPRINT, SAYS STRIKING PRINTERS

Chicago ITU Local 16

The smaller size of Chicago newspapers, since our members went on strike, seemed at first view to be a break for the smaller publishers of the United States, many of whom have had to battle for their very existence against newsprint shortage. It now develops, however, that Knight and Hearst and the other chain publishers are holding tightly on to every bit of their paper, whether they have any immediate use for it or not.

Even in their curtailed size, the Chicago publishers are wasting their newsprint on a terrific scale. With the Varityper and electric typewriter substituted for linotype composition, every one of the struck papers is wasting from 50 to 75 per cent of the space it devotes to news matter.

But the waste on news matter is a minor sin compared to the waste on classified advertising. In this department the waste is aggravated by the requirement that ads be run for three days, even if one insertion is enough to accomplish the advertisers' purpose. A customer who decides on Tuesday afternoon that he needs an ad in the Tribune is told that he must wait till Saturday's paper—and then he must run his ad on Sunday and Monday as well, because the typewriter-engraving system is to costly to make one-time ads worth while.

HARRY BRIDGES, president of the CIO Longshoremen and Warehousemen, has proposed that his union and the CIO National Maritime Union merge. Joe Curran, head of NMU, recently defeated the leftists at the convention of that union.

MAYOR IN TRIBUNE'S END BOOK

Gil Westoby: East Oakland Times

It is with great regret that we announce that our Mr. Smith, Mayor Joseph Edward Smith, of Oakland no less has been put on the end book.

As we have explained ad nausem, the end book is that little note book containing the names of persons newspapers do not like. When you attain that status, your name is only printed provided the world comes to an end and you are the last of the living.

If you have noted, Mayor Smith's name is used but rarely in the Oakland Tribune and his picture not at all.

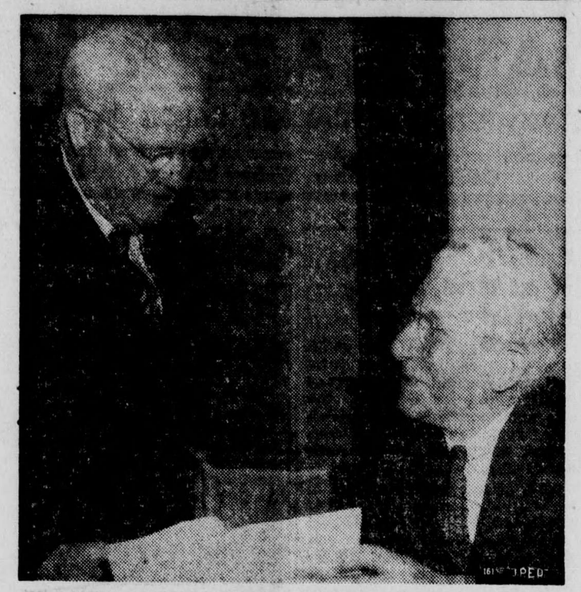
This is in great contrast to the buttering up job they did when he first attained the mayoralty. He has had his picture in The Tribune three times in one edition and his lightest comment was saved for all posterity.

How are the mighty fallen.

The Oakland Tribune has long run its politics on the axiom. "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

But in this case and much to Mayor Smith's credit, they could neither lick him and he wouldn't let them join him. And small wonder. That full page blurb they ran about him running with all the Red Hots when he was trying to run for office. And they spent $30,000 trying to beat him and the other councilmen.

Now Mayor Smith is in the same category with the late Mayor John Davie and Herbert Beach. The Oakland Tribune would slash a picture down the middle and "Out Damn Spot" with Mayor Davie's large bemustached countenance, and until Beach caved, they did the same thing with him. Ain't they just got fun.



TACKLE HOUSING BOTTLENECKS—Marking another forward step in untangling the snarled housing situation, President Richard J. Gray of the Building Trades Department-AFL standing and Chairman Ralph Gamble (R., N. Y.) of the Joint Congressional Committee on Housing discusses the work of an AFL building trades committee which is working with Gamble to keep labor shortages or practices from holding up vitally-needed housing. Serving with Gray are: C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California AFL; President Harry C. Bates of the Bricklayers; Michael Crow of the Painters; Secretary Joseph D. Keenan of the Chicago AFL; and President Howard McSpedon of the N. Y. Building trades council. (LPA)

OUTLOOK FOR '48

By WILLIAM GREEN

President, American Federation of Labor

Labor hopes in 1948 to lay the groundwork for the establishment of real prosperity, lasting peace, and continuing progress in our time.

Our chief task in 1948 will be to oust the present stand-pat Congress and elect a new one which will be more responsive to the needs of the American people.

It appears likely, from present conditions, that employment will continue at a high level next year. This will be the best insurance against any possible recession setting in. With a peak demand for the products of farm and factory certain, and with shortages of many commodities unslaked, labor, industry, and the farmers will be faced with responsibility for reaching new production records. The needs of the American people and our commitments for foreign relief, make increased production an inescapable duty.

Inflation constitutes the chief threat to the progress of the American people in 1948. The price situation is rapidly getting out of hand. Wages, as usual, are losing ground in the race against runaway inflation.

It seems inevitable that some form of government regulation of the price of items which enter into the cost of living—especially food, clothing, and rent—will have to be instituted in 1948 to keep inflation within bounds. The American Federation of Labor does not relish the return of price controls, selective or otherwise. We would perfer a free economy in which competition would keep prices down to reasonable levels. But unless the present economic crisis takes an immediate turn for the better it will be necessary for the protection of the consuming public and for the preservation of the free enterprise system itself, to clamp government brakes on the uncontrolled price spiral.

Labor is ready to undertake its responsbility toward increasing production. To attain this goal we are more than willing to meet management half-way. But we fear that any attempt to bring about intelligent, constructive, and decent labor-management cooperation, will be handicapped by the Taft-Hartley Act.

That infamous law serves to encourage only those who wish to fight labor instead of cooperating with it. It serves to promote industrial warfare rather than labor peace. Already its provisions have contributed to a breakdown of long-standing peaceful labor-management relations in important industries. I fear ever worse consequences in 1948.

I know that many casual observers are beginning to think that maybe the Taft-Hartley Act has been a success because there are fewer strikes in progress at this time than at similar periods in past years. However, they do not realize that a large number of unions signed new contracts just before the Taft-Hartley Act went into effect and these contracts are exempt from the law's provisions. The blowoff will come at the expiration of these contracts in 1948.

At that time many unions and employers who have been getting along well together will discover that they cannot continue their long-standing contractual relationships on the same basis because of the Taft-Hartley law. The results may be chaotic unless industry as a whole resolves not to take advantage of the special benefits conferred upon it by the Taft-Hartley Act and proceeds to accord fair treatment to the nation's workers and the unions which represent them.

Organized labor does not relish the prospect of having to depend upon the largesse of big business to protect economic and working standards which were won after hard years of struggle. We cannot tolerate the oppressive conditions imposed upon us by the Taft-Hartley Act indefinitely.

That is why we are now organizing to get out the vote for the national elections of 1948. The American Federation of Labor has formed Labor's Educational and Political League for this purpose.

It is our hope and determination that the members of organized labor and their families and friends will respond to our pleas and go to the polls next November in full force. If we cannot succeed in this endeavor we are certain of electing a new Congress which will repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and which will enact a program of progressive economic and social legislation necessary for the nation's welfare.

In this category the American Federation of Labor includes an effective housing law, improvement and expansion of the Social Security system, lifting of the minimum wage standard to at least 75c an hour, and the inauguration of federal insurance against the costs of medical care.

In our opinion the people of the United States have not yet begun to realize the full advantages that modern production miracles and the free American way of life can confer upon them. They will never enjoy these advantages under a repressive government which looks only to the past. We can achieve the promise of the future only through leadership which looks to the future and sees that promise as a boon not only for those who possess great wealth but for all people of our country.

Campaign To Sell T-H to Public, Is Federation Warning

State Federation Service

In widespread, clearly written advertisements, various employers, directly and through their spokesmen, are seeking to sell the Taft-Hartley Act to the public. Arguments in favor of the Taft-Hartley Act have appeared in numerous outstanding national slick magabines and the various trade journals throughout the country are being deluged with similar propaganda. What can be considered nothing other than commercialized ads, but written and presented in the form of articles.

A comprehensive statement revealing the strategy of the employers and signed by Mr. James H. McGraw, Jr., President of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, Inc., was carried in the 'Electrical Merchandising" magazine, issue of November 15, 1947. The article advises management not only to be temperate in making use of the Act, but urges that to such temperance a program of positive action be added. It recommends that management appeal directly to the rank and file of the unions. Obviously, this is a strategy to discredit the prestige of the organizations and their officials.

The article advocates at the present time to use the Act as little as possible in settling labor disputes, but emphatically advises management to "stand firm in the refusal to bargain away the rights accorded by the Act . . ." This simply means that management is instructed to take advantage of every anti-labor provision in the Act, and that would mean the abolition of the closed shop and union security in its various forms.

While piously declaring that management should use the new law gently and not resort to courts in settling labor relations, the article insists, nevertheless, that the employers should not bargain away the legal rights accorded to them by the Act. In other words, the whole strategy is aimed to disarm the rank and file of the labor movement by causing as little litigation as possible under the Act at the present time, while planning to take full advantage of the provisions of the law and its anti-union security clauses at a more opportune time.

The campaign seems to be well organized and coordinated, and all media of publicity are being used by management to obtain uniform acceptance of this policy to make the Taft-Hartley Act effective and invulnerable to amendment or repeal. While national magazines claiming to report the news objectively have given considerable space to management's position and opinions in regard to the Act, labor has been denied this right.

Maltester Named City Councilman In San Leandro

J. D. Maltester, secretary-treasurer of Printing Specialties and Paper Converters Local 362, San Francisco, was on Monday named a member of the San Leandro City Council.

Maltester, a native of San Leandro, takes the place on the Council made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Helen Lawrence, who was Mayor of San Leandro from 1943 to 1945.

Dave Jones Tells Of Bitter Struggle Between Left, Right

Dave Jones, well informed labor reporter on the S. F. Call-Bulletin, has been running in that paper some lively stories on internal struggles in the CIO lately.

According to Jones, Marie De Martini, leader of the telephone operators' organization which some time back joined up with the CIO American Communications Association, is very much at outs with the leftist leaders of the ACA, and is backing the move of the telephone operators to line up with CIO Telephone Workers Organizing Committee, which is anti-leftist in its leadership.

The independent United Brotherhood of Telephone Workers, Jones reports, is headed for the anti-leftist TWOC affiliation if it votes for joining the CIO.

A still hotter story reported by Jones is that Harry Bridges of the CIO Longshoremen recently attended a meeting of the Bay Area local of the CIO National Maritime Union, and took occasion to denounce Joe Curran, president of the NMU, calling him a "backstabber" and various other things.

Next day, Joe Curran, who has been scrapping with the leftists in his union, and who recently defeated them at the NMU convention, told Jones from New York that Harry Bridges, to put it mildly, wasn't very vigorously dealing out correct information.

Bridges and Ferdinand Smith, national secretary of the NMU, are trying to merge the NMU and the ILWU, Curran and other anti-leftists denouncing this as an effort to keep the whole works under leftist domination.

LPA Says Commies And NAM Fighting The Marshall Plan

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The National Association of Manufacturers, bell-wether of anti-unionism, has given the lie to the international Communist charge that the Marshall Plan is the darling of American capitalist imperialism.

The NAM is lining up solid with its political darlings, Senators Taft, Wherry and Byrd, in a "plot" not to put ERP across, but to sabotage it, just as the Communists are trying to do.

NAM News, reaction's house-organ, sounded off last week against President Truman's request for a $6.8 billion first-year appropriation in a $17 billion European Recovery Program. The NAM objects, because it won't leave enough of a public surplus for the profiteers to talk about in their campaign for tax reductions.

Truman's plan to establish a regular government agency, which can work closely with existing departments of government, for the administration of ERP also disturbs the solons of the counting houses.

Since European recovery is a problem of production and finance, the best way to handle American aid, says NAM News, is to set up a government corporation staffed by "top executives from U.S. private industry, business, banking and agriculture."

This, the NAM says, will eliminate "politics" from its administration. Nor does NAM want the program to be handled by "diplomats who are primarily interested in building up good-will abroad for the U.S."

T-H Statements Must Be Filed With Care, AFL Declares

State Federation Service

Nearly one-third of the statements required of unions complying with the Taft-Hartley Act are defective, according to a report by General Counsel Denham. The most common error made by unions choosing to come under the Act has been the failure to distribute to members the financial data filed with the Secretary of Labor. In many instances union leaders reported that they had merely posted the report in the union hall or had announced that the books were open to inspection by any member. The NLRB has ruled, however, that unions must show that they have either furnished financial reports to all union members or have sufficient copies available to distribute to all members upon request.

The Board's General Counsel has suggested the following specific measures which will enable unions to comply with this requirement of the Act: (1) publish the data in the union newspaper which is distributed to all members; (2) mail copies of the report to all members; (3) post copies of the report on union bulletin board and announce that copies are available for all union members; and (4) international unions should give locals a sufficient number for distribution to all members and instruct locals to post a copy and announce that additional copies are available for distribution.

A second source of defect in union statements under the Act results from local unions sending all their forms to the NLRB's Washington office, rather than the regional office. Locals should send only the "Labor Organization Registration Form" to the Department of Labor in Washington. All other local union forms go to the NLRB regional office.

The remaining defective union statements failed to qualify because the unions did not submit non-Communist affidavits for each and all of their officers. Officers are persons so defined in the union constitution.

PRINTING PRESSMEN and Assistants Local 125 holds its regular meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 19, in Porter Hall, second floor, Alco Elec. building, 1918 Grove street, Oakland, Recording Secretary C. A. Moreno announces.

Demand the Union Label on your wearing apparel. Ask for Union clerks.

Marion Hedges Columnist for Labor Papers

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The man who last month received the first award of the National Planning Association for his contributions in the field of social planning—Marion H. Hedges—begins next week to write a regular column for Labor Press Associate.

Hedges, who pioneered in the field of union research and education, will write under the heading "From a Washington Window." He served for 23 years as director of research for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL, resigning the post late in 1947.

The NPA award was made to Hedges, out of a large number of business, farm and labor officials under consideration, for his consistent work in promoting labor-management relations on a peaceful basis, and for his pioneering work in social planning.

State AFL Council Meets January 24th

State Federation Service

The next quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor will convene in Santa Barbara on January 24 at the California Hotel.

The Executive Council will devote special attention to the coming campaign to reapportion the State Senate, as well as to oppose politically the supporters of the Taft-Hartley bill and the enemies of labor in Congress and the State Legislature.

A full agenda covering various phases of labor activity throughout the state will occupy the attention of the vice-presidents at this meeting.

THE PEOPLE'S WORLD is involved in a court fight at Napa over $20,000 willed to it by Joseph J. Mealy, 84, found dead in his cabin with copies of the People's World and books on the Soviet Union Strewn about. Relatives are contesting the will.

HISTADRUT, the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine, wil hold a meeting of its backers from Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona, at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco next Sunday noon.

N. Y. Unions Agree To Freeze Wages As Spur to Building

NEW YORK (LPA)—If building and construction costs continue to restrict erection of sorely needed homes and industrial plants and public works in New York, the blame will not lie with members of the unions in the industry.

Under an agreement announced last week, employers and the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater N. Y.-AFL have frozen wages until July 1, 1949. Wage increases averaging about 5% for some of the crafts were incorporated in the agreement, which covers 70% of the quarter-million workers in the metropolitan area.

President Howard McSpedon of the council and Chairman Fred J. Driscoll of the employers' group also announced that a formula for another wage increase when the agreement expires depends on how much the cost of living index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics rises between now and July 1, 1949.

Earlier in the week, McSpedon had told a subcommittee of the Joint Congressional Committee on Housing, which held hearings here, that something must be done to encourage starting of apartments whose rents middle-and lower-income families could afford.

Additional testimony by President Louis Hollander of the state CIO urged continuation of rent control and passage of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill.

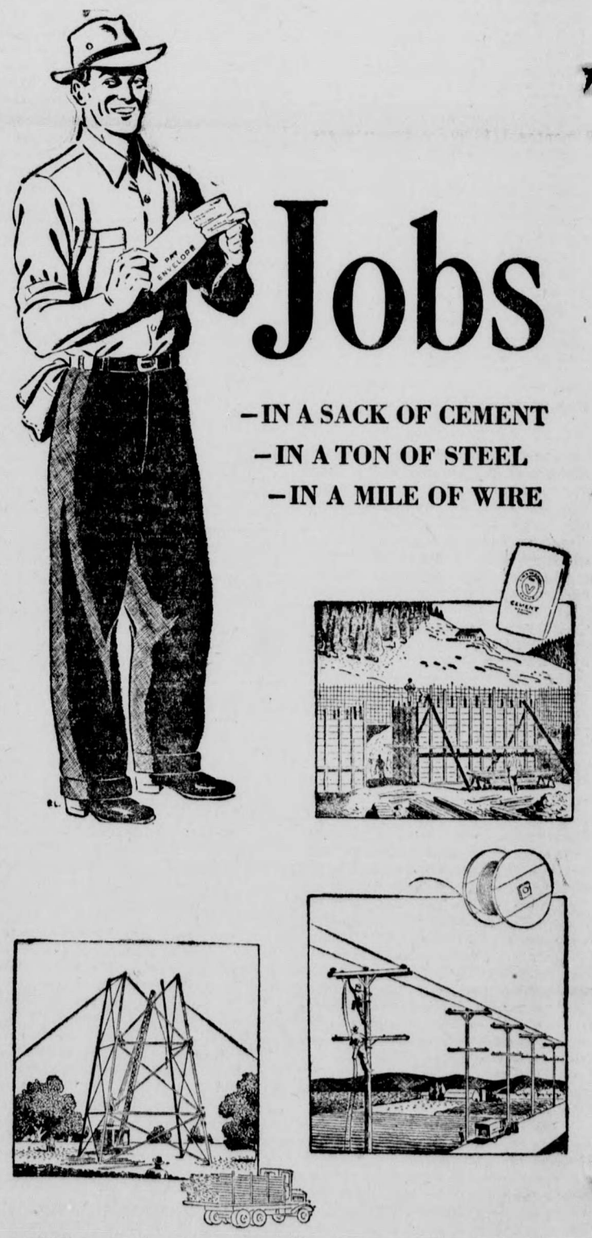
Ash, Fee Named on Red Cross Committee

Red Cross Release

Members of the Advisory Committee for the 1948 Oakland Red Cross Fund Campaign, were announced by Dunlap C. Clark, Fund Drive chairman. The campaign opens in March.

Heading the group as chairman is Mayor Joseph E. Smith.

Serving with him are: James H. L'Hommedieu, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Robert Ash, of the A F of L, Paul Heide, of the CIO, Mrs. Earl J. Rock, President of the Alameda County Federation of Women's Clubs, Monroe Friedman, President of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Gordon A. Woods, President, Inter-Service Club, council, Willie Osburn, chairman of the 1946 Red Cross Drive, T. E. Caldecott, County Supervisor, Harry Bartell, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, William Fee, Central Labor Council.



1947 was a busy year of work and accomplishment for this company. Thousands of tons of cement, steel and wire have been set in place by labor in the field on scores of gas and electric projects throughout Northern and Central California.

Great construction projects, such as this company's $350,000,000 expansion program, beget jobs and spread millions of dollars through many payrolls. More than 1575 new employees were signed on with the P. G. and E. during the past year, while in the two-year period from August 1945 to October 1947 the company's payroll increased by 5845 employees. Private contractors working on P. G. and E. construction have an additional 2340 men in monthly average employment.

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NEWS OF WORLD AND NATION

U. S. Labor News

TAFT-HARTLEY TROUBLES

Teamsters Enjoined from "feather-bedding" under provisions of T-H Law, by Federal District Court, in Utica, N. Y.

Typographical Union is defendant in complaint issued by NLRB against the international and the locals in Chicago, New York, Detroit, and Pittsburg, charging failure to bargain in good faith, etc.

Congressman Owens, (R., Ill.) says at Congressional hearing on ITU strike in Chicago: "The publishers have said, if it were not for the Taft-Hartley Law, they'd have been able to enter into a contract with the union."

Petrillo Ban on recordings aimed at in bill being rushed through by Representative Hartley's House Labor Committee.

STRIKES AND STRUGGLES

AFL Musicians' ban on recordings goes into effect as contract expires. President Petrillo on trial in Chicago for alleged violation of Lea Act.

Inflation is No. 1 problem for labor, say Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, AFL President Green, CIO President Murray.

Harry Bridges proposes that his CIO Longshoremen and CIO National Maritime Union merge.

ITU Strike in Longview, Wash., ends after one week with increased pay and no signing of contract; big Chicago strike of ITU against newspapers continues.

Business News

PRODUCTION

Pacific Telephone Co. has 250,000 unfilled orders for telephones on file as year ends, but installed 70,000 during last three months of 1947.

Oil Production rising lately, but supply on hand in the country dropping.

American Telephone & Telegraph gets FCC permission for installing 1½ million miles of wire circuits in 1948.

Tennessee Valley Authority reports that its kilowatt production was increased 12% in 1947 over the 1946 figures.

Radio Industry produced 16½ million receiving sets and radio phonographs in '47, and 175,000 television sets.

PRICES

General Electric cuts prices an average of 5%, hoping it will help to "reverse the inflation spiral."

Ford won't follow GE lead, pointing out that "we tried that last January, and we lost."

Wholesale Prices edged near to all-time crest of 1920. Govt. economists say there's no sign they'll slow down, either.

Rail Freight rates given another 10% "emergency" increase by ICC, and previously granted 10% increase confirmed as permanent.

PROFITS

Pacific Telephone net profit for 12 months $2.68 per common share compared with $5.93 for previous year.

Yellow Cab of S.F., operating in nine communities, made net profit of $863,793 for last year compared with $858,323 for year before.

Kaiser Frazer common stock declines a little despite the $19 millions earnings in 1947, $4 per common share. Reports company planning new stock issue to cover expanded production held responsible for slight decline.

The Government

INFLATION, RECOVERY

Congress Reconvenes, this time for regular session, with Marshall European Recovery Program main item before it.

Senator Vandenberg, chairman Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announces President Truman won't insist on appropriations being authorized for four and a half years for European Recovery Program, as Administration originally urged. Year to year appropriations now asked for.

But Truman still asks that the bill provide that we are embarking on a 4½ year program in principle.

Tax Cuts for small taxpayers considered by Truman, with larger taxes for corporations. GOP expected to continue fight for tax cuts for corporations.

GENERAL

Right of Negroes to vote in South Carolina upheld by Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

Universal Military Training needed, says Truman, commenting on Wallace's opposition to it. Truman says that Wallace in opposing it lives in a world of fantasy rather than reality.

Senator Knowland asks whether there is a secret Big Three agreement promising Russia a large share of dismantled Japanese industrial plants. State Dept. replies there's no such agreement.

POLITICS

Wallace's Third Party could get on most State ballots, but only with tremendous organizational effort and big financing, Associated Press survey shows.

Glen Taylor, Democratic Senator, Idaho, would "be marvelous," as running mate, says Wallace, but Taylor says that he's undecided.

Senator Taft says U.S. faces choice between lower prices and the Marshall Plan.

Senator Vandenberg says he isn't a candidate for the GOP nomination.

World Peace

UNITED NATIONS

"Little Assembly," which was set up by UN Assembly over Russia's protest as all-year round vetoless group to consider world problems, begins session with Russia boycotting.

Russian Bloc warned by Undersecretary of State Lovett that recognition of the recently proclaimed "democratic government" in Northern Greece would violate UN provisions, and have "serious implications."

Trieste governorship under UN still in dispute between Italy and Yugoslavia, with deadline for decision gone past.

1000 U.S. Marines sent to Mediterranean. Worldwide speculation as to whether they're sent in connection with Greek struggle.

EUROPE

Greek Govt. claims guerillas driven out of Konitsa, which they were trying to win as capital for their newly proclaimed "democratic government."

King Mihai of Romania abdicates, reportedly under pressure from the Communist-dominated Government.

British Railway system taken over by Government. Premier Attlee denounces Russia as a dangerous imperialism.

French Tax Bill to tax the well-to-do more heavily is pushed through by Premier Schuman, downing opposition from the right and left. DeGaulle proposes abolition of labor unions, incorporation of labor and management in the Government.

Italian Republic comes into formal existence, as former King Victor Emanuel is buried in Egypt.

Russian Food Prices rising, say reports, and shops short of supplies, following recent end of rationing and devaluation of currency. Molotov says U.S. made Big Four conference fail.

ASIA

In Palestine, lives continue to be lost daily in struggles between Jews and Arabs.

Chinese Communists propose Far Eastern Cominform, as Generalissimo Chiang declares the Red menace "comes as much from without as within," and Red armies continue to threaten Mukden and points within China.

Pakistan accused by Hindustan of sending in men to raid Hindu territory. Dispute headed for United Nations.

Burma, part of British Empire for 62 years, becomes an independent republic by agreement with Britain.

Former Japanese Premier Tojo continues on trial by U.S. military court. Five-year economic plan for Japan being considered, to quadruple exports.

New Procedure in Sending Checks to Jobless Claimants

State Federation Service

Beginning with the week of January 12, the Department of Employment will pay claimants for unemployment insurance and servicemen's readjustment allowances by checks written in the central office and mailed to the home address of the claimant, rather than by handing the check to the claimant at the time the claim is filed, as is done at the present time.

James G. Bryant, Director, declares that this change in procedure is necessary for several reasons, principal among which is the plan to initiate the payment of benefits in cash in all major offices throughout the state. As a result of the Department's experiments in cash payment of benefits, it will be necessary to centralize the check-writing process prior to initiating cash payments in order to make the transition smooth and effective, as well as to provide an effective method of benefit payment in offices which are too small to effectively pay benefits in cash. The centralized payment system is the one generally in use in the other 47 states.

The change in procedure will mean that checks for compensable weeks ending during the week of January 12, will not be received by claimants until approximately one week later. This will also be true of all subsequent weeks until such time as the office in which the claim is filed is converted to cash payment, when payments will again be made immediately upon the end of the compensable week.

All claimants, therefore, who will be filing during the week of January 5, will be notified of this change in procedure, and the checks for the week of January 21, and for subsequent weeks, will be received at their homes approximately one week after the end of the compensable week claimed.

THE SEVEN-POINT 'WALLACE PLAN'

Following is the Associated Press summary of the plan Henry Wallace, third party candidate for the Presidency, offers in place of the Marshall Plan:

1—A proposal from the U. S. to the United Nations for the establishment of a U. N. reconstruction fund.

2—Administration of the fund by an agency of the U.N. established for that purpose.

3—The fund to be "made up of contributions appropriated by our Congress and other nations possessed of the means in an amount sufficient to finance an over-all five-year plan."

4—Priority in the allocation of funds to be given to those nations "which suffered most severely from Axis aggression," with such allocations "based solely on these considerations of merit and need without regard to the character of the politics and social institutions of the recipient nations."

5—The allocation of funds "must be made with scrupulous respect for the national sovereignty of all beneficiary countries" and "there must be no political or economic conditions attached to loans or grants."

6—The entire fund "shall be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and no moneys shall be available to finance the purchase of military supplies, armaments of war preparations."

7—The German industrial heartland in the Ruhr valley to be placed under international administration and control by the Big Four in order that its resources may be made available to aid in the reconstruction of Europe and "to guarantee that Germany shall never again be in a position to threaten the security of the world."

WATER POLLUTION hearing will be held January 26 and 27 by the Assembly interim committee on water pollution, with industry representatives given an opportunity to testify. At previous hearings the committee, headed by Assemblyman Dickey of Alameda, representatives of Federal, State, county, and city governments have testified.

AFL News Service Summarizes GOP 'Anti-Inflation'

AFL News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Truman branded the anti-inflation bill passed by Congress as "feeble steps toward the control of inflation," but signed the measure because it contained some provisions "that are needed now."

Protesting against the "obvious insufficiency" of the legislation, Mr. Truman declared the bill is "pitifully inadequate as a weapon against the high cost of living." He said:

"This bill will not reduce the high cost of living and it will not keep prices from going even higher.

"The meager authority contained in the bill will be utilized to the fullest extent by the Government, but the public must not be misled into believing that this bill will do the job."

TRUMAN'S WARNING

The President, warning that inflation and the high cost of living confront the American people with a "grave danger," called upon Congress to enact "an effective, workable program" when it reconvenes. Mr. Truman declared:

"Unchecked inflation can bring on a serious depression that can cause untold hardship.

"The legislative and executive branches of the Government must work together if this grave peril is to be conquered.

"The American people look to the Congress to pass legislation adequate to perform this all-important task."

The measure passed by Congress contains only 3 steps of the original 10-point program requested by the President when he called the special session of Congress to consider the problems of foreign aid and inflation at home.

These provisions are: Extension of export controls, continuance of authority to allocate transportation facilities, and authorization for expansion of the conservation program and measures designed to stimulate food production in foreign countries.

HEART OF MEASURE

The bill which the President said he would sign does not include the authority he sought to regulate consumer and business credit, to control the distribution of scarce commodities, to extend and strengthen rent control, and to use rationing and price control over "selective" segments of the economy.

The heart of the measure is a provision encouraging industry, business and agriculture to enter into voluntary agreements with the government, under anti-trust immunity, for the sharing of scarce commodities.

President Truman said it was "far too late" to rely on such voluntary means. He said he and other government officials have tried to persuade industry to make voluntary price reductions but that these efforts "have been wholly insufficient to stem the tide of rising prices."

PRICE INCREASES NOTED

He also noted that the government has used voluntary programs to try to encourage conservation. But, he admitted, "they have demonstrated that voluntary measures are not sufficient to insure a fair sharing and the most effective use of vital commodities which are critically scarce."

The bill's voluntary provision, he complained, gives the government no authority to protect the interests of the people or force into line any industry representative who refuses to make an agreement.

To emphasize the need for immediate strong action to curb inflation, Mr. Truman cited examples of price increases which have occurred in the 6 weeks since he made his request to Congress.

MOLEY ON HENRY'S CALIFORNIA VOTE

Raymond Moley: Syndicated

It is clear that Wallace's chance of upsetting Truman is in cutting the Democratic vote in a few states like New York, California, Illinois, Ohio and Washington.

Last summer, Robert Kenny, the Wallace leader in California, told me of a poll he had taken among California registered Democrats. His figures at that time gave Truman 60 percent; Wallace, 40. These figures can hardly apply to the present situation, for they were cast on the assumption that Wallace would run as a Democrat against Truman in the primary. Breaking from the party is another matter.

But if Wallace can take 10 percent of California's vote from Truman, a Republican can probably carry the state.

CENTRAL VALLEY work and similar construction tasks are held up repeatedly because of failure in high quarters to realize that construction should proceed on a continuous basis, says Kenneth Markwell of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

LUCKY STORES, operating 33 markets in the Bay Area, will develop a State-wide organization, says V. V. Dardi, chairman of the executive committee of the Blair Holding Corporation, newly made head of Lucky, a Blair subsidiary.



TEXAS CITY ORPHAN AIDED BY IAM—Remember that terrible explosion and fire at Texas City last April? Joe Youngman, nine-year-old boy orphaned by the disaster, will forget more quickly because his future is secure, thanks to the International Association of Machinists, of which his dad was a member. The IAM has set up a $9000 trust fund to support him and pay for his education, the balance to go to him on his 21st birthday. (LPA)

AFL Masters, Mates May Picket To Prevent Transfer of Ships

N. Y. Times

The powerfully organized National Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots, an American Federation of Labor union of deck officers, plan to set up picket lines in every port of the nation in an effort to stop the proposed transfer of American ship tonnage to foreign nations, it was announced.

Under the European Recovery Program, or Marshall plan, it has been proposed to sell or charter 500 "surplus" American vessels to other nations, so they can carry their own relief cargoes home.

Capt. William C. Ash, business manager and secretary of Local 88, of the MMP, said yesterday that the 22,000 masters and deck officers of his union were opposed to the transfers and would picket the ships, loading piers, yards where some of the ships are assigned for conversion and the tugs that try to move them.

"I would like to see one of them get away," Captain Ash said.

BITTER CONTROVERSY

The union already had joined with other maritime labor organizations in voicing opposition to the proposed transfers, and it is expected here and in Washington that this feature of the ERP will produce a bitter and lengthy battle. Many members of Congress are opposed to the idea, and the sea unions and shipping operators assert that the transfer of ships represents a major threat to the American industry.

Captain Ash said no other marine unions had been asked to assist the MMP in the projected picket lines, but he expressed the belief that both AFL and CIO unions would approve and support the action.

"We will advocate using every means to stop the transfers," he said. "What else can we do? The union has never opposed the rehabilitiation of foreign fleets, and we favor the principles of the Marshall plan. Tonnage figures show that the foreign maritime nations included in the plan have reached or are near their pre-war maritime strength. If these ships are turned over, the foreign maritime nations will be 35 percent stronger than they were in 1938."

APPEALS TO CONGRESS

Captain Ash said the union had appeared before Congress, during the debates on the interim aid program, and had asked Congress to specify that no relief moneys be used for chartering, hiring or purchasing American vessels to sail under foreign flags.

The organization also sought a limiting amendment to assure that American vessels would continue to carry this country's foreign commerce in the same ratio as in recent months—between 50 and 60 percent. Both union proposals were rejected, he said.

Captain Ash declared that 1,000 officers of the union were now "on the beach," and he estimated that another 2,500 would be put out of their jobs if the ships are transferred. Estimates of the amount of tonnage needed by the foreign nations varies, but a Department of State memorandum on the ERP mentioned the sale of 200 surplus ships and the chartering of 300 more.

"SURPLUS TONNAGE"

The transport section of the Harriman aid committee, which made an exhaustive study of shipping needs, proposed that tonnage be made available to the foreign nations if these countries would reduce their own shipbuilding programs by an equivalent amount of tonnage. The European nations have a 15,500,000-ton construction program laid out for the next four years.

Members of the Harriman committee who advocated the limitation on foreign building expressed fear that the recipient nations would use American tonnage while preparing their own modern fleets, and that at the end of the aid program the world would have a serious over-supply of tonnage. Even without this limitation a surplus is threatened, according to Government shipping authorities and industry groups who have studied the plan.

Notice: Sign The Petition And Register!

Every AFL member is reminded that there are two immediate jobs on hand:

1—Sign the petition for State Senate reapportionment.

2—Register if you've never registered in this county, or if you've moved since the last election, or if you failed to vote in the last general election.

Consult your union office if you don't know where to go to sign the reapportionment petition or to register.

Italian Communist Power Weakened in The Labor Unions

ROME (LPA)—Although they remain the strongest political force within the Italian General Federation of Labor (CGIL), the Italian Communists have been set back by developments in Italy.

Pressure from pro-western Democratic, and "right-wing" Socialist Workers Party delegates forced a partial break in the alliance between the Communist trade union delegates and their allies of Pietro Nenni's "left-wing" Socialist Party. The Socialists at the recent CGIL conference supported a motion stipulating the right of each union to decide whether or not it will support strike calls issued by the CGIL's executive committee.

Faced with this show of independence by the Socialists, the Communists yielded to the opposition position, and their trade union leader, Guiseppi di Vittorio, secretary of the CGIL, incorporated it in his report of the meeting. The report will be submitted to all local affiliates of the CGIL for approval. If finally adopted as a major part of the basic constitution of the CGIL, this concession to union autonomy will constitute a formidable barrier to the calling of political general strikes of the sort that the Communist union leadership recently attempted in Rome.

The failure of the Rome strike and the split in the French trade union movement which resulted from the stubborness of the Communist union leaders there appears to have forced the Italian CP to make concessions to opposition tendencies among Italian workers, for fear that their position as the leading, although minority, group within a united trade union movement will be destroyed.

Fear of a sharp break with the Nenni supporters, who take a "neutral" position on the Marshall Plan, resulted too in Communist acceptance of that stand in the CGIL conference. Along with Socialist Party representatives they voted for a resolution saying that the "trade unions have no need to be for or against the Marshall Plan" so long as political conditions are not attached to it. The official Communist position is that the Plan itself destroys the sovereignty of participating nations. Socialist Workers Party and Christian Democratic unionists voted for outright endorsement of the American offer.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Labor Leaders Must Accept Political Task, Says Hoffman

Upholsterers Release

PHILADELPHIA — Leaders of trade unions have the responsibility of "leading the workers to the ballot box as well as leading them on the picket line," Sal B. Hoffman, president of the Upholsterers' Union, AFL, declared in announcing the formation of the U. I. U. National Educational and Political Committee as an affiliate of the AFL League of that name.

"The Taft-Hartley Act," Hoffman said, "has made all of us realize that political action is vitally necessary for organized workers, if free trade unions are to survive.

"The responsibilities of union leadership now are political as well as economic. Union leaders have a dual responsibility of:

"Leading the workers to the ballot box to fight for political democracy.

"Henceforth, the extent of the sincerity and responsibility of a union leader's professed loyalty and devotion to the principles of free trade unionism should be judged by his political activities.

"In my judgment, a union leader who cannot reconcile his personal political principles to the political interests of organized workers should give up his union office.

"We have not sought, nor do we seek, to interfere with the private views and principles of a member, but the union officer must place the interests of his members above his private views."

FIFTY-THREE LOCALITIES in the South and Northwest are planning to spend a total of $155,000,000 on publicly owned utilities, the Municipal Finance Officers Association says.

CONGRESS passed a bill authorizing the Federal Housing Agency to insure another $750,000,000 in housing mortgages.

AVC Warns of New Drive Against Atomic Authority

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The American Veterans Committee, liberal organization of World War II vets which is gaining increased support from organized labor, has warned of a new drive shaping up against the civilian control of atomic energy.

Chat Patterson, AVC chairman, last week praised the operation of the Atomic Energy Commission headed by David Lilienthal, and said that the "military clique which wants control of atomic energy needs only a minor incident to whip up a new demand for military control." Five bills are now before Congress designed to take the control out of the hands of the civilian commission.

Patterson pointed out that although the military use the "security" argument as the key-note of their campaign, they have several embarrassing thefts to explain, while the security record of the civilian authority is unmarred.

Outlining AVC's legislative program for the current session of Congress, Patterson listed the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill, rent control, anti-inflation legislation, implementation of the President's Civil Rights Report, and increased subsistence allowances for student veterans as high on AVC's agenda.

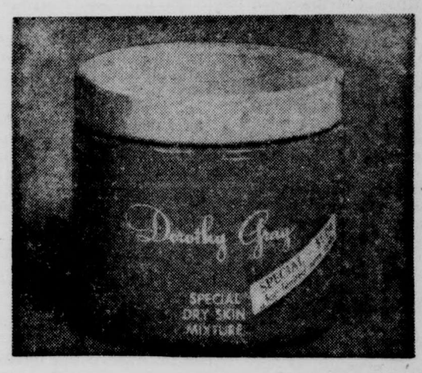
He pledged the organization to work for approval of the Marshall Plan and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, and to campaign against passage of universal military training.

PORT OF OAKLAND has rejected a proposal to participate in any joint effort to promote shipping in the San Francisco Bay district "until all present restrictions" agains Oakland and other ports in the East Bay area removed.

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Dorothy Gray

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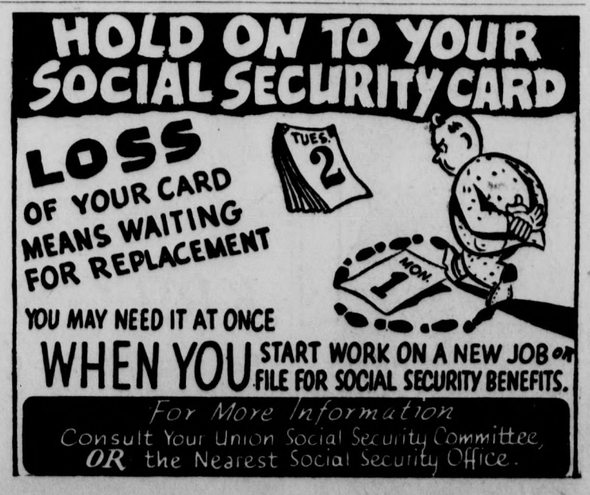
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Musicians Enter Crucial Stage of Records Struggle

Labor Press Associates

CHICAGO (LPA)—The American Federation of Musicians-AFL entered the New Year with a new strategy to protect the jobs of its members from the inroads of "canned music." The new policy is "no more performances for commercial phonograph records."

At midnight on December 31, the musicians did their last work for the recording companies, closed up their music cases and left for good. In all, 711 recording and transcription companies were silenced.

President James C. Petrillo of the Musicians declared that the recording ban will stay on "forever."

"We're going through with it; we're never going to make records, ever."

ONLY 5000 JOBS

Defending the union's policy, Petrillo pointed out that less than 5000 of the 225,000 members of the organization had been receiving any work from the recording industry—and most of it only part time. Average earnings of the musicians from even the largest recording companies don't exceed $450 a year, he said.

Yet, the work performed by those few thousand players has deprived tens of thousands of other musicians of employment. Everywhere, records and transcriptions have been replacing live musicians, he said.

In the radio industry, for example, only 330 out of 1800 stations have used any live musicians," the rest relying on records, transcriptions and network programs, Petrillo declared.

"WE AIN'T MAD"

"That's the situation," he said. "We ain't mad at anybody. but what are we supposed to do, go on cutting our own throats? . . . Getting mad at the union ain't going to change the problem. Nobody has tried to help us but they know there is a problem."

For the past two years, the problem had been ironed out by an agreement under which the recording companies paid a royalty to the union which was used to employ live musicians on free public concerts around the country. However, the Taft-Hartley Act outlawed such an arrangement, leaving the union with no alternative but to stop playing for recordings.

It may be a long time before the public feels the effect of the Musicians ban. In anticipation of the deadline, the recording companies kept operations going day and night for weeks prior to the end of the year in order to build up a big backlog of records. No estimate was available as to how long this backlog will last.

TRIAL IN COURT

Meanwhile, in this city, the union pressed a battle to protect itself from another law aimed at the Musicians — the Lea Act, which among other things forbids the union from "coercing" radio stations to hire more musicians than they need.

The second round of a trial, in which Petrillo and the union are accused of violating the law, got under way before Federal Judge Walter J. LaBuy. The union is charged with trying to compel Station WAAF here to hire three musicians more than it allegedly needed, and with calling a strike when the management refused.

In the first round of those proceedings last year, Judge LaBuy held the Lea Act to be unconstitutional and threw out the case. However, the government appealed and the U. S. Supreme Court later upheld the constitutionality of certain provisions of the Act and ordered a new trial of the case on its merits.

Union attorneys at the trial denied the charges of violation of the Lea Act and also renewed allegations that the law is unconstitutional.

Di Giorgio Strike Longest Farm One In Labor History

State Federation Service

Eleven hundred members of the National Farm Labor Union and Teamsters Local 87 maintained their picket line around the 20-thousand acre Di Giorgio Ranch while the owner was attending the Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

The workers are resolved to redouble their efforts to bring labor organization into the San Joequin Valley and to picket the Di Giorgio Corporation until it agrees to sit down with the union representatives to discuss wages, hours and working conditions for its employes.

As the strike enters its fourth month, the morale on the picket line is excellent. The union has succeeded in blocking the importation of Mexican-American strikebreakers from El Paso by having the Texas State Federation of Labor swear out warrants for the arrest of the two Di Giorgio recruiting agents.

All Di Giorgio products have been placed on the Unfair List by the American Federation of Labor, and its affiliated members have been urged not to buy the following brand names: O Yes We Grow the Best, Red Flag, Blue Flag, Sun Color, High Color, River Boy, Earl Crown, and Try One.

The Di Giorgio interests are far-flung and spread over several continents. At Klamath Falls, Oregon, it owns a lumber and box company; in the midwest, the corporation partially owns the United Fruit Auction Sales Company in Chicago, Illinois; in Cincinnati, Ohio, it owns the Fruit Auction Sales Company; at Winter Haven and Fort Pierce, Florida, it operates a fruit juice cannery; in the east, the Di Giorgio Corporation owns the Baltimore Fruit Exchange and the Di Giorgio Distributing Company in New York City, as well as the New York Fruit Auction Company, which is said to handle about 80 per cent of the average tonnage of all fruits distributed in New York markets.

The strikers are sorely in need of all the assistance the unions can give them.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Crystal Gazing For Republicans

By BRADFORD V. CARTER
LPA Columnist

With the Republican convention only Umpty-Ump days away, the race of aspirants is assuming clearer shape. In no particular order they are: Harold Stassen, Robert A. Taft, Thomas Dewey, Dwight Eisenhower, Arthur Vandenberg, and Earl Warren.

If I had any money or disposition to bet on who was going to get the Republican nomination, I would not put it on the gentleman from Ohio. It seems hardly likely that the boys in the well known smoke-filled rooms are going to select as a candidate one who has identified himself as completely with an extreme position as has Taft in the case of Taft-Hartley law.

American history records that an "out" party hardly ever nominates as its presidential candidate anybody who has alienated in advance a substantial group of the electorate. Landon, Dewey, and even the pre-1941 Willkie were hardly what you would call men of strong convictions on any particular issue. The Roosevelt of 1932 was an unknown quantity. What this adds up to is that practical politicians of an "out" party are loath to nominate a man for whom they think they would have to write off in advance a substantial hunk of the voting population.

TAFT'S AFFILIATIONS

Senator Taft has other affiliations, which I think will prevent him from being tapped as the standard bearer of the Republican Party. He has what might be called political foot and mouth disease. In recent months, every time he has opened his mouth, he has put his foot in it.

He has consistently embarrassed his fellow Republicans with his ill-advised statements on price control and foreign aid. He has, moreover, voiced his opinions on these subjects without adequate consultation with other party leaders. Mr. Taft's faculty for running the Republican show as a solo performance has not endeared itself to the men who are going to have a lot to say about who gets nominated.

All in all, I wouldn't give much for Taft's chances for the Republican presidential nomination.

The polls put Dewey out in front and, on the face of it, he has all the qualifications. Mr. Dewey's approach to the urgent foreign and domestic problems is to stand four-square for the American home. Since he is out in front, and many of his fellow aspirants are not particularly enamored of his Boy Scout tactics so far in the campaign, it is not inconceivable that they will gang up on him—to the extent of voting for any dark horse to block our boy Tommy from winning the nomination.

Harold Stassen is trying to make like Wendell Willkie, and act the role of the young Turk out to reform the Republican Party. However, it looks as if the Stassen disguise is being penetrated and is being recognized for what he is—an old-line conservative putting on airs.

THEN EISENHOWER!

Nobody knows much about Gen. Eisenhower and he won't talk. The political dopesters say that Mr. Truman's appointment of Gen. Bradley as chief of staff was designed to smoke out Eisenhower. And the Bennet Meyers scandals won't do any good either.

For reasonably attractive odds, I would put my money on Arthur Vandenberg to the get the Republican nomination. He has only one disqualification and many assets that I can think of. First: although he has supported the Republican fiasco on the domestic front, he has not been as prominently identified with it as Taft has been.

Second: Vandenberg has been identified with the highly popular foreign program of the Administration. Not only has he been identified with it, he has been the chief Congressional spokesman for foreign policy.

Third: The Michigan Senator has acted with restraint and judgment in dealing with his fellow legislators. Vandenberg is in his middle sixties and his age might be a handicap.

The real dark horse in the group is Earl Warren. He is tolerably liberal, personable, and a proven vote-getter, at least in California.

Whichever candidate the Republicans chose, he will not make much difference unless they can do something fast in explaining their stand on price control and housing.

Bargaining Helps Industrial Peace

ST. LOUIS.—The AFL's Central Trades and Labor Council here released a report which emphasizes the fact that collective bargaining in good faith promotes industrial peace.

The council selected the 12-month period from August, 1946, to August, 1947 (just prior to the effective date of the Taft-Hartley law) for its analysis.

It showed that in plants under agreement with the AFL unions, labor relations during the year were "99.49 per cent perfect." In other words, for each 100 main days on the job, only 51/100 of 1 per cent was lost through strikes.

"Our survey disclosed that union-employer relations in this area are getting better right along," declared John I. Rollings, executive secretary of the council.

CONSTRUCTION RECORDS were broken, needed water and power supplies moved substantially nearer to the people, and the goal of full service of all initial features in the early 1950's become a probability, according to the annual resume of Central Valley Project progress made by Regional Director Richard L. Boke, Bureau of Reclamation, Region II.

TEXTILE WORKERS Union-CIO has had the NLRB conduct union shop elections in 34 of its organized plants. More than 22,000 workers were covered. Of the 20,189 who voted, 18,080 said "yes" to the union shop as against only 1,209 (about 5 per cent) who said "No." Each vote was secretly cast, in strictest compliance with Taft-Hartley requirements. (LPA)



IT AIN'T HAY—And, to drag out another ancient proverb, life's not all a bed of roses for Agriculture Secretary Clinton Anderson, pictured here as he was initiated into the Circus Saints and Sinners, New York club. Anderson has had the unhappy job of making public the list of grain speculators, which turned out to include President Truman's personal physician, who was gambling that the price of grain would rise. He's also had to act, under the GOP anti-inflation bill, to cut down the amount of grain used by distillers so that more would be available for food here and for Europe. (LPA)

Citizen Protests Phone Rate Boost

(Editor's Note: W. Yeoman, 16186 Via Arriba street, San Lorenzo, has sent the following letter to the State Utility Commission, and furnished The Labor Journal with a copy of it.)

A recent report of "Standard and Poor's Corporation" on the American Telephone & Telegraph.

CAPITAL SHARE EARNINGS

March quarter, $2.33; June quarter, $1.55; September quarter, $1.75.

"Continued heavy demand for telephone service lifted system revenues 5% during the 12 months through August 1947. By the 1947 year-end, system earnings are expected to be at a rate in excess of the $9 annual dividend. Maintenance of the dividend is expected. Telephone volume and revenues should continue to expand moderately over the year term. Unfilled system orders have been reduced slightly by faster installations. Net gain in phones in 1947 to October 1 was over 1,850,000 and held orders stood at 1,900,000. Increasing connections on the system lines will support peak revenues for some time to come. A holding and operating company, American Telephone and Telegraph controls 80% of the telephones in service in the United States. The parent company directly operates long distance lines connecting regional units and independent lines."

In view of these facts it is a plain outrage, and a rank injustice, that your commission should permit the Telephone Company to increase their rates at this time. Your Commission is supposed to protect the citizens of the State of California and not the Wall Street Bankers.

Nine percent of the common stock of any utility is an outrage and borders on criminal. The American Telephone and Telegraph, has been borrowing money for not more than three percent. That is because it is a monopoly, with earnings practically guaranteed by state public utility commissions. Why should the A.T.&T. be permitted to pay nine percent to its stockholders when it can borrow the money it needs for three percent from American investors.

Utility Commissions are supposed to protect the citizens they represent and that pays them, from MONOPOLIES.

If the Utility Commissions of the country will not protect the American people from monopolies, then they in time will inevitably be forced to take them over and operate them, themselves. There can be no other answer.

LOYALTY REVIEW Board for Federal Employes, which recently published its regulations, is being criticized by some unions and liberal groups for its statement that the FBI will not be required to furnish to the Board or to the accused the specific evidence on which the charges of disloyalty are based, nor will the names of accusers be made known. Chairman Seth Richardson has said that the Board would not have the "benefit of the skilled investigation of the FBI unless the facts received in confidence by investigators can be kept entirely confidential." (LPA)

126,400 IN MANUFACTURING were disabled for one or more days as a result of work injuries during the third quarter of 1947, Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates. About 500 of these injuries resulted in death and about 5,300 others were known to have resulted in permanent physical impairment at the time the reports for the quarter were prepared.

WORK INJURIES in manufacturing were more numerous during the third quarter of 1947 than in the preceding three-month period. In comparison with 1946, however, the injury frequency-rate record for the first 9 months of 1947 showed a substantial improvement, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor reported.

400,000 NEW NAMES on the rolls of CIO unions as a result of the CIO's organizing drive in the south, national director Van A. Bittner announced in a year-end summary. (LPA)

MACKAY RADIO strike by CIO American Communications Association, which began last Friday over demands for wage increases, involved 2500 workers nationally this week, 250 of them in the Bay Area.

PG&E OFFER of a 5-cent hourly wage increase for a 90-day period has been accepted by CIO Utility Workers. The union originally asked 8 cts. Negotiations for further increases will begin March 31.

Free Trade Unions Assemble at Lima

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFL News)—Participation in the conference in Lima, Peru, indicate wholehearted support for the proposed formation of a new international federation of free trade unions in the Western Hemisphere.

A total of 16 nations made known its intentions to send a delegation to the conference.

Included among the free trade union groups to announce their active participation are those in the United States, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Argentina,, and Peru.

The delegation from the United States consists of James Duffy, president of the AFL's National Brotherhood of Operative Potters; Frank Lloyd, substituting for Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters Union; Phil Hannah, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio State Federation of Labor and former Assistant Secretary of Labor; Bert Jewell of the Railway Labor Executives Association; and Roy Brown of the International Association of Machinists.

The United States delegation met in Washington prior to their departure for Lima to consider a number of resolutions to present to the conference for consideration and approval. It is expected that among these resolutions, the U.S. delegation will ask for pronouncements in favor of the International Bill of Rights now being drafted by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; in favor of absolute freedom of organizations; in favor of independence for every country of the Western Hemisphere now in the status of a dependent territory or colony; in support of the inter-American system of defense and cooperation; and against any form of slave labor.

Rail Labor Man in Inflation Warning

BUFFALO (AFL News—George M. Harrison, president of the AFL's Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, declared there will be suffering at home and abroad unless the nation acts to curb alarming inflationary trends.

Mr. Harrison sounded his warning in an address prepared for delivery before the Central Railway Club here.

He strongly urged enactment of the Marshall Plan for the economic recovery of western Europe, thus joining the host of AFL leaders who have taken similar action following endorsement of the aid plan by the AFL convention last October. He said:

"It is to the self-interest of every American that the reconstruction of devastated and war-torn Europe be successfully accomplished. We cannot refuse assistance unless we desert every principle we cherish.

"The cost to the American people in bolstering the free and democratic governments in western Europe by saving their peoples from starvation is small compared to the alternative of an unaided Europe falling under 'Red Fascism' and with the ugly possibility of another world war."

He stressed, however, that the Marshall Plan "will increase present prices and short supplies of foods and some materials." To ship overseas the amounts called for by the plan "means serious inflation and speculation in many commodities unless strong safeguards and restraints are imposed quickly," he said.

"The cost of living has risen 23 per cent since the middle of 1946," Harrison pointed out. "The price of food has gone up 40 per cent. The upward trend shows no signs of slowing down.

"More critical shortages of food and other commodities next year in the United States are almost certain, with the inevitable result that prices will be forced up still further and faster.

"Free operation of the law of supply and demand will mean that those who can afford it will get what there is, while those who cannot, will get little or none."

As a solution, measures must be "taken promptly to curb speculation, hold prices from rising and direct the flow of scarce goods to the most necessary domestic and foreign uses," Harrison insisted. Such measures, he said, will insure success of the Marshall Plan, as well as "security and prosperity," at home.

Farm Labor Union Sends Out Appeal

State Federation Service

The following letter, dealing with the Di Giorgio strikers and their need for assistance, has been sent out by the National Farm Labor Union to all affiliated organizations of the American Federation of Labor:

"Since October 1, 1100 men and women have been on strike against the Di Giorgio Farms Corporation near Bakersfield, California. They are seeking higher wages, better working conditions and union recognition. Ever since the strike was called, these workers have kept a 19½ mile long picket line going on the 22,000-acre farm.

"Families living in company shacks have been evicted, children are hungry and cold. The corporation is now trying to recruit strikebreakers to take the jobs of the strikers. These union men and women need help at once in order to win their strike. If they can hold out another 30 days, the corporation will be forced to deal with the Union as thousands of acres in vineyards and orchards must be pruned and irrigated, and only these skilled workers can do the job.

"Recently President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany sent out a letter which reads as follows:

"'Reports indicate the existence of a fine spirit and morale among the strikers but because the National Farm Labor Union, which is one of the newest international unions to be chartered by the American Federation of Labor, is not financially able to extend the help and assistance which the strikers need at the moment, we, the officers of the American Federation of Labor, are appealing to you for financial contributions for the purpose of supplying food and assistance to the striking farm workers herein referred to.

"'Send such financial contributions as you may find it possible to make to: Mr. H. L. Mitchell, Box 443, Memphis 1, Tennessee.'

"Will you please call this matter to the attention of the members of your union and to all affiliated organizations in your jurisdiction? We will appreciate your help in this struggle to bring to the agricultural workers some of the benefits now enjoyed by other trade unions."

Little Real Gain For Labor in '47, States BLS Chief

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFL News)—The year 1947 saw little gain in real wages or living standards for American workers, according to a review of the past year by Ewan Clague, U. S. Commissioner of Labor Statistics.

This has greater significance in view of the fact that more workers were employed in civilian occupations than ever before with industrial production at record levels.

Mr. Clague reported that higher wages were offset by price increases in an economic situation characterized by heavy demand, both domestic and foreign.

On the price front, Mr. Clague said that consumer prices were up 7.6 percent through the month of November while primary market prices rose 15 percent during the entire year. Looking to the future, he declared there was little indication of any cessation in the upward movement of prices.

"As 1947 came to an end," Clague asserted, "the problem threatening the high levels of employment, production, and income that had been achieved following the reconversion period."

Turning to a discussion of productivity of the nation's industrial machine, the BLS chief said:

"Data are not yet available to show productivity trends in any detail in American industry during 1947. The information that is available, however, indicates with a reasonable degree of certainty that productivity has resumed the gradual and steady upward movement typical in the American economy.

"In 1947 conditions were again favorable for a gain in productivity. Plant modernization had gone forward rapidly over a period of 24 months. The flow of materials was less erratic. Workers and supervisors acquired a new stock of skill and experience as production and employment continued relatively stable at high levels of operations.

SHEET METAL WORKERS International Association-AFL has announced that James W. Close, heretofore a vice-president of the union, has been elected secretary-treasurer to succeed the late W. M. O'Brien, who died several weeks ago. Close had been a leader of Local 73 in Chicago and an international vice-president for the past 12 years. (LPA)

RED CROSS Volunteers of the Oakland Red Cross Surgical Dressings Corps, made 392,248 dressings for the use of the patients at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll, according to Mrs. George C. Ellis, corps chairman. There are 97 volunteers.

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On behalf of the Community Chests of Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont and San Leandro, as well as those of Alameda and Berkeley, the numerous Red Feather Agencies affiliated with the Chests, the Labor-Management-Chest Liaison Committee and the many individuals who will be helped by and through your generosities, I wish to extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every official and member of Organized Labor who gave to this worthy cause. Your contributions have lightened the hearts and brought smiles of thanksgiving to the faces of thousands of unfortunate citizens who must rely upon you and your benevolences. They cannot thank you in person but their gratitude and goodwill will rest with you always.

—LEW C. G. BLIX, Director,
Labor-Liaison Division.

New High For Jobs In Mid-November

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFL News)—Employment in nonagricultural establishments hit a new high of 43,450,000 in mid-November, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated on the basis of preliminary figures.

The BLS said that the new level of nonfarm employment was 1,000,000 above that recorded for November of 1946. Of this gain during the year, more than half took place in the manufacturing industries, with the remainder distributed among construction, trade and service activities.

Seasonal declines in construction, transportation, and government payrolls partially offset the 200,000 increases in workers in the pre-Christmas wholesale and retail trade upswing reducing the net gain for the month to about 150,000.

Despite seasonal reductions in a few industries, employment in manufacturing as a whole rose slightly to a peacetime record of 15,850,000. Gains occurred in the durable goods industries, reflecting additional orders, greater availability of materials, and the termination of the strike in east coast shipyards. Small increases were reported by most of the iron and steel fabricating industries, as well as by blast furnaces, steel works, and rolling mills. Constituted heavy demands resulted in slight gains in many of the machinery industries, although machine tool and accessories establishments reported further declines.

Easing material supplies permitted some expansion in locomotive and carbuilding shops. Automobile employment edged off, however, due to steel shortages and model changeovers.

A large seasonal drop in canning and preserving, partially offset by a further rise in textile manufactures, reduced employment in the soft-goods division during the month. Paced by cotton goods, most of the textile industries expanded their operations. The apparel group failed to follow suit, however, as seasonal layoffs in the women's clothing industries more than counterbalanced further gains in men's apparel establishments.

With the reduction of shipping on the Great Lakes and a seasonal contraction of railroad activities, employment in the transportation industries continued the decline of past few months. Public utilities, finance, and service reported slight increases during the month.

AFL Men Benefit by TVA Wage Increases

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AFL News)—Members of AFL unions will benefit from the 10.5 per cent wage increase authorized by the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for 10,000 construction, maintenance, and operating employes.

The raises, ranging up to 20 cents an hour, were negotiated in annual wage conferences between the AFL's Tennessee Valley Trades and Labor Council and the TVA management. The negotiations were carried on in an atmosphere of friendliness and cooperation throughout.

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Economic Advisors Called Cautious

By BRADFORD V. CARTER
LPA Columnist

For their second annual report, the Council of Economic Advisors to the President have concocted a leisurely essay on how to achieve maximum production. The Council, it will be recalled, is the group charged with being the weather bureau of our economy under the Employment Act of 1946.

In previous reports the Council has on the whole performed ably to call attention to the vulnerable segments in our economic armor. The current undertaking however steers clear, for the most part, from the annoying and even dangerous realities of the current situation.

What we have in the second annual report is a kind of presidential address to a learned society. The economists, for example, have a professional society called the American Economic Association. At the annual meeting it is customary for the President to deliver an address dealing in a very philosophical vein with something called the long run trends. In such an address it is normally considered improper to talk about the economic matters of the day.

"LABOR ASPECT"

Such is the character of the second annual report. And that it bears the stamp of a professorial address is no accident either. Two of the three members are former college professors and Edwin Nourse, the chairman, is a former president of the American Economic Assn.

The discussion on "the labor aspect of maximum production" in the report is a good illustration of the professorial tone of the whole report. It starts out by an evaluation of the kind of working conditions which will add most to production in the long run and the short run; that is, shortening of hours, improved health and safety practices etc.

"Efficiency measured by dollars and cents, say the presidential advisors, "is not the only test. Regardless of dollars and cents, were the choice between wearing out machines before their time and wearing out men before their time, the former alternatives would be desirable."

Then they say we also have to recognize that workers engage in practices which limit production. Why? Because they are worried about working themselves out of jobs.

Then we have to do something about developing "the psychological security which can flow only from a glowing conviction that maximum production employment and purchasing power can and will be maintained."

"PROFESSORS NICE"

Now don't get me wrong about this report. College professors are very nice people and most of them have done very valuable work in the government. I also have no objection to the sentiments expressed. They are all very fine and worthy. In fact, the second annual report of the Council might even be made required reading in economic classes in the high schools and colleges.

But in this period when foreign aid and inflation are controlling problems of our economy, it is something of a luxury for the economic advisors to indulge themselves in a public bull-session on life in general.

In defense, it should be said that the Council has said many brave words about foreign aid and inflation. But the issues are hotter now than when they talked about them and my guess is that this current excursion into the eternal realities is a way of avoiding the explosive potentialities of today's urgent problems.

'Up to Business to Cut Prices, Since Congress Will Not'

NEW YORK (LPA) — Now that Congress has betrayed its unwillingness to impose strong controls to curb inflation, the job of reducing prices is squarely back in the lap of business, economist Robert R. Nathan told an importers meeting here.

The former War Production Board official, who wrote the CIO's 1946 wage-profit-price study, spoke at a luncheon sponsored by the Lewis Steiger importing firm, which has just announced that it is cutting the price of the hosiery it imports from England by 15 per cent, in view of tariff reductions.

Inflation has endangered the structure of our economy, Nathan said, and failure of the government to impose over-all controls will surely result in a slump unless business men throughout the country are willing to make those price cuts which their rate of profit permits.

The Marshall Plan will keep up the level of exports, Nathan thinks, but it will not substantially increase the role of foreign trade in maintaining our economy. Recession in 1947 was prevented by the "second round" wage increases which pumped additional purchasing power into the economy during the first half of the year, even though new prices increases have since more than overtaken the wage boost, he asserted.

Nathan concluded that accumulated inventories can only be disposed of by price adjustments. If hoarding continues there will be a slump which will mean not only millions of unemployed here, but a decline of American world prestige. Businessmen must learn to content themselves with a consistent, moderate, level of profit over the years, and to dispense with the high profits spurts that always lead to depressions.

Former Official of Union Is Sentenced

NEW YORK CITY.—(AFL News)—A former financial officer of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in Toronto, Canada, convicted of embezzlement of union funds, received a sentence of one year in jail, the general office of the union disclosed.

The official, Abraham Weingarten, was sepcifically charged with misappopriation during 1945 of more that $3,000 of war relief funds and of servicemen's dues remitted by the union in accordance with a general ILGWU policy during the war years. He was ousted from his post, which he had held for over 10 years, immediately upon discovery of missing union funds by ILGWU auditors in September 1945.

David Dubinsky, president of the ILGWU, in a comment on the court sentence declared that it is inevitable that a "blacksheep" will occasionally be found in an organization as large as the union. He asserted, however, that it is union policy to maintain a close scrutiny of its affairs so that any offender against union members may be swiftly detected and brought to justice.

3.2 MILLION VETERANS of FORLD War II were employed in the Nation's manufacturing industries in June 1947, a gain of about 40,000 over the end of the first quarter, according to estimates made available by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

TRADING on the San Francisco Stock Exchange fell off sharply, both in share volume and dollar value, in 1947, the exchange reports.



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Hartley Says He's Ready to Run Again

NEWARK (LPA)—Fred Hartley, the New Jersey Republican, who jumped from obscurity to notoriety through his sponsorship in the House of Representatives of the Taft-Hartley union-baiting law, has welched on the best sounding promise he ever made. He's going to run for reelection after all.

When Hartley ran in 1946 he told the 10th New Jersey district voters that if they gave him one more term he wouldn't bother them again. But now he has phoned George Becker, Essex County Republican chairman and told him "if the people want me I'll give the matter serious consideration."

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Craft Union Wins Bargaining Rights For Separate Unit

AFL News Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The AFL's Pattern Makers League won the right to establish separate collective bargaining units in plants in which CIO industrial type unions have held exclusive bargaining rights for all workers.

The National Labor Relations Board, acting under a provision of the Taft-Hartley law, rendered two decisions in favor of the union which will enable it to free itself from the domination of the larger CIO.

The case involved the Harnischfeger Corporation, Milwaukee, where the CIO United Steelworkers has been the bargaining agent, and the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Cleveland plant, where the CIO Electrical Workers has been the agent.

ELECTION SET

The NLRB ordered elections to determine whether the pattern makers and apprentices in the plants wished to be represented by the craft union. The CIO unions were excluded from the ballot in both cases because they have not filed non-Communist affidavits required by the Taft-Hartley law, but this exclusion brought the major significance of the two decisions.

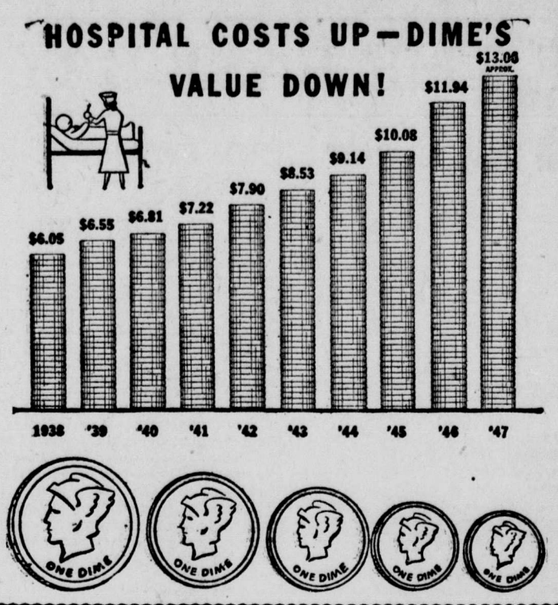
The decisions represented the first use of the Taft-Hartley proviso that the board shall not "decide that any craft unit is inappropriate . . . on the ground that a different unit has been established by a prior board determination, unless a majority of the employes in the proposed craft unit vote against a separate representation."

15 MORE CASES

George Q. Lynch, president of the pattern makers, said he had pending before the board 15 more cases of a similar nature and that decisions in them probably would be issued promptly now that a precedent has been determined. The pattern makers' group numerically is one of the smallest of the AFL affiliates but the members are a highly skilled, well organized craft group.

The board's decision recognized the patter makers' craft distinction and added that "under these circumstances, we believe that the pattern makers involved in this proceeding also may, if they so desire, constitute a separate unit, notwithstanding the board's previous more inclusive unit determination."

JAMES H. QUINN, Board of Equalization member from the Oakland area, announces he will ask for a State Senate investigation of charges made by John Pippin, liquor control officer suspended some time ago. Quinn said, "I would welcome an investigation."



Letter Issued By John L. Lewis On Why He Left AFL

WASHINGTON (LPA)—In a letter to local unions which appeared for the first time in United Construction Workers News, official organ of the United Mine Workers affiliate, the UMW's President John L. Lewis gives the reasons for its disaffiliation from the AFL.

The UMW chief says that "the small group of men who now control the policies of the AFL" have developed an "increasing hostility towards the UMW and its policies." Further payment of per capita to the AFL would not be in the interests of the miners, he continues.

An accompanying article in UCW News reminds its readers that William Hutcheson, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters-AFL, "belatedly," was the only member of the AFL executive council to support John L. Lewis in his fight for "a militant stand against the odious slave law."

Quoting Lewis' speech to the AFL national convention that united AFL opposition to registering under the act would have resulted in the law's being completely discredited, UCW News accuses the AFL of accepting the non-Communist affidavit provision of the act as "an opportunity to profit at the expense of rival unions."

RICHARD L. BOKE, Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, said in Sacramento that the Bureau of Reclamation will actively support legislation which will assure irrigation districts of a continued water supply upon the expiration of the 40-year term of the contracts being negotiated in the Central Valley Project.

AMERICAN NEWS CO. in Berkeley has been organized by Office Employes Local 29, Business Agent John Kinnick announces. The company's office in Oakland has been organized for some time.

GOVERNOR WARREN urged support of universal military training Monday, that the United States may, he said, "face the present world situation realistically."

Cash for Vacation Upheld by Judge In Machinist Case

State Government Release

An employe who works under a union contract that provides for a week's vacation with pay, at a time mutually agreeable to both the worker and his employer, is entitled to the cash value of his vacation if he quits his job after earning it but before agreeing on the date he is to take it.

So ruled Judge Victor Zampatti of Eureka last week, upholding the contention of John F. Dalton, Labor Commissioner of the State of California, in behalf of the worker.

The evidence presented by Irving Shore, Attorney for the Labor Commissioner, showed that Don C. Alexander had been employed by the Paoli Brothers Automotive Company for thirteen months when he quit his job last June.

The contract between the employer and the International Association of Machinists, Humboldt County Lodge number 540, provided for a week's vacation with pay, after a year of service, at a time to be arranged "to cause the least conflict with the normal function of the employer's business."

The employers argued that Alexander had forfeited his vacation by leaving his work in disregard of other men with greater seniority who were entitled to vacation ahead of him.

Judge Zampatti ruled that vacation rights accrued as they were earned, and ordered the employers to pay $60.00, representing one week's wages, plus legal interest for the delay resulting from the employers' refusal.

PRICES OF EVERYTHING that goes into the Labor Department cost-of-living index went up between mid-October and mid-November. The consumers' price index is 165% of the 1935-39 average, a new all-time high. It rose 1% in the one month.

A. EMORY WISHON, 65, of Piedmont, executive vice-president of PG&E, died of a heart attack Sunday at Danville, Contra Costa county.

Minister Thanks Lord for Leaders Of Labor Unions

ATLANTA (LPA) — A preacher stole the show—and left a thoroughly startled audience—at the opening of the huge new Ford Motor Co. plant near here in December.

Rev. Warren Candler Budd, Methodist minister, pronounced the invocation that could hardly be improved for a statement of labor's rights. Present for the ceremonies were Henry and Benson Ford, all of the Ford organization's top brass, the Governor, Atlanta's Mayor, and most of the important business leaders in the state.

Here is what Rev. Budd said:

"O God, Thou art Thyself the great Creator, the Master Workman. Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in Jesus the carpenter whose roughened hands bear eternal testimony to the dignity of toil.

"We sense Thy presence in the upward surge of the masses, who with the awakened self-respect of children of God, have through the centuries cast off the shackles of slavery and serfdom, and stand now gazing toward the dawn of a greater freedom.

"We praise Thee for those brave spirits who have led the way; who have dared to risk even their children's bread in organized endeavor to improve the lot of all; who for their unselfish devotion have been condemned as outcasts of society; endured prison; sacrificed their lives as martyrs to the cause.

"Help Thou the labor movement of our day to be worthy of its heritage. Unite in high purpose the workers in the factory and the farm. Preserve them from the temptation to selfish complacency. Guard their leaders from the lust for personal power. Guide them in the service of the common good.

"Help the workers of all lands to stand shoulder to shoulder for justice and peace among the nations. Save them from the sin of selfish nationalism. Give them a wider vision of world government with justice and liberty for all.

"Grant to labor the wisdom to seek a world of peace and plenty by means of organization and the ballot, keeping their movement free from hate and violence, building into the cooperative commonwealth those spiritual values which alone can make it endure.

"Bring at last, all workers by hand or brain into worldwide brotherhood; into closer fellowship with Thee, O God, the Father of us all. Amen."

REDS WOO JOHN L.

Vic Riesel: Tribune

The Communist press is slowly swinging its people around to accepting John L. Lewis again. Real fairy-tale like—the Beast is a Beauty again to the Comrades.

They are openly calling on him to "unite" the unions who want "to fight big business." That's the call of the wild again. A word it is to Mr. Lewis, eager for some glory in his remaining years, to pull left wing unions out of the CIO, join them with the handful who'll disaffiliate from the AFL and follow him into some kind of new trigger-striking labor federation.

But while Big John's too weary to try something that monumental, his ego is hurt. And when Big John's big ego is hurt, flattery will get you some place. And that's just what the lefties are counting on. And Mr. L. was never allergic to strikes.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Teamster Union World's Biggest

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Daniel J. Tobin, veteran President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL has produced figures to prove that the Teamsters have the largest union in the world.

In the latest issue of the International Teamster, official union magazine, Tobin writes that the union received per capita payments from its affiliates for 1,026,000 members in the month of December 1947. During the month the union took approximately 36,000 more workers into its ranks for a total of about 1,062,000. An important factor in the Teamsters' increase has been the union's success in the AFL's Southern Organizing Drive. Between June 1946 and August 1947 425,000 southern drivers and helpers joined the union—the greatest gain of any AFL union.

PAC Will Discuss Wallace Situation Late in January

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Following Henry Wallace's announcement that he will run for the presidency as an independent in 1948, CIO-PAC released the following statement:

"It has been the policy of the CIO Political Action Committee not to support a third party in 1948. The CIO-PAC executive board will meet in Washington late in January to discuss in full the entire political scene and outline plans for the 1948 campaign. Undoubtedly the third party question will be one of the items on our agenda."

PAC's executive board is made up of the presidents and the secretaries of the five largest internationals in CIO. The members are: Philip Murray and David MacDonald, United Steelworkers; Walter Reuther and Emil Mazey, United Auto Workers; Albert Fitzgerald and Julius Emspack, United Electrical Workers; Emil Rieve and William Pollack, Textile Workers; Jacob Potofsky and Frank Rosenblum, Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Seven of these leaders are thought to favor support for Truman and the Democratic candidates generally. Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of UAW, is believed to be opposed to unqualified endorsement of the Democratic ticket but is known to be strongly opposed to Wallace's candidacy.

Julius Emspack, UE secretary, is expected to support Wallace.

Whether President Albert Fitzgerald of UE will go along with Emspack, or with CIO President Philip Murray, who will insist upon continued coldness toward any third party ticket, is the subject of much speculation.

Secretary of Labor Says Price Control Is Necessary Now

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Labor Secretary Lewis Schwellenbach has called for legislation giving the President power to control prices of goods in short supply and items whose prices are fixed by monopolies.

He said that labor's "second round" wage increases were moderate and equitable, but they have been offset by the increased cost of living. Few workers, he maintained, have received any real improvement in living conditions, and some in the lowest income brackets and those on fixed salaries have lost ground as a result of inflation.

"Workers, organized and unorganized, would rather have their real wages increased by means of lowered living costs rather than have a money increase that soon will be wiped out by higher costs," the Secretary asserted. Prices will not come down by themselves, he added. "We can have no real price competition in items in short supply or where prices are fixed by monopoly practices."

ALAMEDA COUNTY population has reached an all-time high of 735,000, the Oakland Chamber of Commerce estimates. Oakland has 425,000 of the county total, an increase of 20,000 over the special census of 1945, and 120,000 over the official 1940 census. The county gain is 43 percent higher than the 1940 census.

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1948 CAMPAIGN YEAR IS HERE, WITH SIX BIG JOBS FACING A. F. L.

There's no use wasting time getting mad about Mr. Wallace's latest trick, and the shenanigans of those who built and are hauling his little red bandwagon. The thing to do is to concentrate on the things to do:

1—Back the Democrats who realize the time has come to kick the Wallace phonies off the Democratic County and State Committees.

2—Refuse to back any candidate for the Legislature or the Congress unless he definitely, positively, publicly repudiates Wallace, the third party, the PCA, and the Communists.

3—Push the drive for registration of all AFL members, their families, and friends, so that when the 1948 elections come, we can not merely talk, but VOTE.

4—Finish getting the signatures for State Senate reapportionment.

5—Carry out the request of the AFL Political Committee of Alameda County that every local union affiliated with the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils form a political committee of not less than five and not more than ten members to cooperate with the AFL Political Committee of Alameda County.

6—Finish the job of getting every local union in the county to vote on the $2 per member assessment asked by the convention of the State Federation of Labor—one buck for the big reapportionment fight, and one buck for the Legislature and Congress campaigns.

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Those six tasks aren't set down with numbers in front of them with any idea of suggesting which comes first, or which is the most important. They're all important, and there is a big NOW attached to each of them in the minds of those who realize the urgency of the job, the jobs, ahead of us this campaign year.

Turn 'em around and shorten 'em, and you have this:

1—Assess!
2—Organize!
3—Reapportion!
4—Register!
5—Candidates!
6—Phonies!

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There's a difference between being mad and being fighting mad. It's time every AFL officer and member shows that he knows this difference, and that he acts, not merely talks, upon the basis of that knowledge.

HENRY GIDEON WALLACE'S PALS

Henry Wallace was asked at a press conference after his headlong plunge into the big red pond whether he thought American Communists received instructions from Russia.

The candidate of the Communist-Confusionist coalition replied that he "supposed" Communists would vote for him, "because I'm sincerely in favor of peace. In the same way I believe I'll get considerable support from the Quakers and Methodists, who want peace also."

Then Wallace added:

"I'm eager to have the support of all who want peace. I don't care who they are. I'd hope, though, that if the Communists in this country vote for me they didn't come out and say so in formal resolutions."

We hope the Quakers and Methodists duly appreciate being lumped with the Commies as potential members of that "Gideon's band" which he announced over the radio he was organizing.

His hope that the Commies would refrain from coming out openly in his support has already been disappointed.

Izvestia, one of the organs of the kind of peace Mr. Wallace advocated in his recently issued ten-point "Wallace Plan," has come out enthusiastically for Mr. Wallace. According to Izvestia, Americans facing the New Year with dread have just one ray of hope—Henry A. Wallace.

The People's World, here in our own section of the new satellite State Moscow plans to create, said in a front page editorial after Henry had announced:

"The Wallace decision was an historic turning point. It can create the foundation for a new political party—a people's party—that will fight in the interests of the people in the stormy years ahead."

One odd thing, though—the People's World didn't right off the bat print their hero's speech, but only some extracts from it. Also, they didn't print the ten-point Wallace Plan (which our readers will find on page six of this issue of The Labor Journal.)

Why didn't the People's World print promptly, on the first publishing dates available, the announcement speech and the Plan?

The natural assumption is that while they're "authorized" to back Wallace, they can't print even his full campaign statements until they get specific "authorization" from Mr. You-Know-Who.

Yessiree, this campaign is going to be a lot of fun. We look forward with delight to reading the noble statements which will pour from the lips of Mr. Stoogius T. Muddlewit, Mr. Fell O. Travlovsky, and their charming little pal, Stalina Moscobitch.

EVERYBODY TALKS, nobody listens, apparently, at some of United Nations talkfests. Brings to mind the man who on a bet greeted his hostess at a party by saying, "Sorry to be late, but it took me longer to strangle my uncle than I expected." And the lady replied, "Yes indeed, so nice of you to have come."

THOSE WHO THINK, during periods seemingly quiet, that organized labor's opposition to the Taft-Hartley Law is ended and over, should remember the American soldier who was told the war was all over, and who replied: "Yeah, we know it's all over. It's all over this bloody hill."

SOME STATEMENTS BY STATESMEN are as hard to analyze as the coffee served to the British parliament, of which it has been said: "Some tea was served as coffee and was thought by the customer to be cocoa."

MONTAIGNE SAID: "Get a purge for your brain. It will do better for you than for your stomach." Some of us in organized labor as well as those in management could heed that advice.

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

FEAR OF COMMUNISM, fear running off into hysteria, was strongly condemned by the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church not long ago.

"The surest way to fight Communism," says the resolution the Bishops adopted, "it to work unceasingly at home and abroad for a society in which justice and the dignity of free men are in truth guaranteed to men of every race and condition.

"The casting of public suspicion on fellow citizens under the protection of Congressional immunity can readily become an offense against God's commandment, 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.'

"We have no defense for those who while sharing the privileges of our imperfectly democratic society seek to undermine its fabric. But we hold it to be the duty of every Christian citizen to guard for others the freedom of conscience we treasure for ourselves."

That's a very good statement. Those who adopted it undoubtedly realize that if we "work unceasingly" at home we are going to have to get right down to the bedrock of our own prejudices, and blow up some of that bedrock with urgent realization of the dangers we face if we don't.

They further realize that if we "work unceasingly" abroad for "justice and the dignity of free men," we shall be called fascists and lowlife scoundrels by the Russian Government and by "those who while sharing the privileges of our imperfectly democratic society seek to destroy its fabric."

We're sure the good Bishops won't misunderstand us if we translate their statement into the more concise form: we must be good Christians until hell freezes over—and it hasn't frozen over yet, though by the way, world weather does seem a bit chilly of late, doesn't it?

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MENACE OF LEISURE IN ATOMIC ENERGY

"Our paramount problem, our chief hazard in the atomic age will be what to do with our spare time," writes Robert M. Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago, in the American magazine.

"Atomic energy," he declares, "makes all our conceptions of daily living obsolete, eradicates virtually all our limitations, cures all our maladies, and opens the door to a way of life as uncomplicated as that of a South Seas native basking in the sun and plucking his fruit from the breadfruit tree.

"Factories will operate only a few hours a week to produce more goods than can be used."

Many of us who have worked hard all our lives have difficulty realizing offhand that spare time, leisure, could constitute a real hazard. Yet the misuse that is made of the leisure already gained by technological advance should give us some warning.

What many persons, not only in the socalled upper classes, but in the labor movement, need more than they need additional money, is more culture, more civilized ways of spending their spare time. If atomic energy doesn't kill us all physically in warfare, it may kill us all spiritually in peacetime if Dr. Hutchins' prognostications are correct, and if we fail to gain in culture.

Already we go careering about in automobiles, killing some 40,000 persons a year in this country, and now we have the airplane coming. Most of these deaths in automobile accidents are unnecessary, just as the sure-to-increase number of deaths in airplanes will be unnecessary.

With empty minds and empty hearts, enslaved to mass amusements which fail to develop individual skills, personal taste, and civilized manners, we drive automobiles and airplanes with excessive and murderous-suicidal speed because of the excessive slowness of our cultural, spiritual development.

If anyone protests that this sounds like a sermon, the answer is that IS a sermon, and on a darned important text.

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EDUCATOR'S IDEA OF VALUE TO UNIONISM

Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, educator with a worldwide reputation, who now lives a relatively quiet life in semi-retirement in Berkeley, recently told an interviewer that the state of education in America today is no better than it was in 1932, when he reported to the University of Wisconsin:

"Never before in the history of the world has higher education been so eagerly desired, so widely offered and taken, so lavishly endowed. And yet—or rather, we should say 'And hence'—it is at present largely futile, frustrated, dissatisfied."

Dr. Meiklejohn himself believes that smaller colleges with smaller faculties could develop better integrated and effective individuals than do our vast modern mass-production educational factories.

Since the labor movement is itself an educational institution—although it must be confessed that some labor union officials tend to forget this fact—Dr. Meiklejohn's idea is of value to organized labor.

As unions grow in size, there's always the danger of their becoming mere dues-collecting machines, with the equivalent of a college stadium and some rah-rah rallies, but very little close personal contact of the sort that truly educates.

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THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, IS WARNING BY 'CARPENTER'

The Carpenter Magazine

Stung to the quick by passage of the vicious Taft-Hartley Bill which received the blessings of many Congressmen who professed to be friends of Labor, the American Federation of Labor, at its Sixty-sixth Annual Convention, held in San Francisco last October, literally took off its coat and rolled up its sleeves for a showdown fight on the political front. Without a dissenting vote, the Convention adopted a proposal put forth in the Executive Council's supplementary report calling for the immediate establishment of a political arm of the Federation to be known as Labor's Educational and Political League." This was the answer of the 7,000,000 workers who comprise the Federation to the challenge of the predatory and vested interests which invented and fostered and put over the Taft-Hartley Act.

Through the League, the political efforts of all Federation affiliates, from National and International Unions to Local Unions and District and State bodies, will be correlated for greater effectiveness on election day. There will be no abandoning of the traditional policy of the Federation as embodied in Sam Gomper's famous quotation "We must stand by our friends and punish our enemies," but henceforth all candidates of whatever party will be measured by their sympathy or lack of sympathy toward the sound economic policies advocated by the Federation.

Already the League has swung into action. A meeting of the presidents of all affiliated National and International Unions has been called for December 4th in Washington, D. C., for the purpose of devising ways and means of officially launching the League in the most effective and expeditious manner. Your Brotherhood is scheduled to be represented at that meeting. Out of the meeting is scheduled to come a clear-cut blueprint of marshalling labor's tremendous political strength from border to border and coast to coast so that the organized workers can wield their proper influence in the forthcoming national elections next year.

The aim of the entire program is to reach down to the grass roots and through effective organization make the weight of labor's votes felt at the local level as well as at the national level. That the unions which comprise the Federation are in dead earnest about the matter of effective political action is attested to by the fact that at least ten resolutions on the subject were introduced at the recent Convention. Since practically all the resolutions urged the same things; namely repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and the election of men to Congress who are friendly toward labor's aims in place of those who serve only the vested interests, the Executive Council's recommendation that a political arm be set up within the Federation was substituted for the ten resolutions and unanimously passed.

Your Brotherhood is keenly aware of the need for machinery to make labor's political action effective in the years ahead. Your Brotherhood is going to help draw up the program and once an honest, workable program is arrived at, we are going to support it to the fullest extent of our ability. But any program adopted is going to be only as effective as the support Local Unions, District and State Councils give it. Therefore, the time has arrived for Local Unions and State and District Councils to recognize their responsibilities and start paving the way for the closest possible cooperation with the program which will be shortly implemented by Labor's Educational and Political League.

LABOR REPORTER SUMS UP 1947

Shawn Mooseklan: Tribune

Biggest news maker was the Taft-Hartley law—the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947. It came in August, and resulted in the American Federation of Labor's establishing a political action program similar to the CIO's. It's purpose: to fight for repeal of the new law and defeat its enactors.

As organized labor was tossing epithets at the new act, its co-author Senator Robert A. Taft toured the nation to feel out his chances of getting into the White House. In San Francisco, however, AFL President William Green predicted Taft would suffer the worst defeat ever recorded if he becomes a presidential candidate. "Labor will vote 100,000 to 1 against him."

In San Francisco, too, John L. Lewis crashed the headlines by quitting as a member of the AFL executive board. Later he hauled his miners out of the Federation entirely, disaffiliating for the second time in 12 years.

At the State CIO in Santa Cruz, for the first time in the California organization's history, right wing forces took the offensive, scored wins on third party and foreign policy issues, but lost in their attempts to gain control of the executive board.

The CIO's left-wingers; led by Harry Bridges of the longshore-warehouse union, would have enjoyed an out-right condemnation of the Marshall Plan and also State CIO endorsement of the Independent Progressive party of California.

Meantime, before the year ran out, a troubleshooting Congressional subcommittee came out here to try to determine to what extent labor "racketeering" was influencing the rising trend of food costs. They found none, and three days after the hearings had opened the investigators went elsewhere.

There were many threats but comparatively few work stoppages by strikes this past year. Unlike a year ago at this time, Oakland's Christmas shoppers went about their affairs unworried about picket lines following settlement of the Kahn's Hastings' clerks strike in May.

Of the strikes, the Key System and telephone tie-ups and the retail grocery store clerks dispute in Alameda and Contra Costa counties hit the public hardest.

Inconvenienced, too, for eight weeks were users of the Richmond-San Rafael ferries on whose hulls barnacles gathered until crewmen were granted a two and one-half cent hourly pay hike. And for six hours Southern Pacific trains stood idle, and caused President Truman's Emergency Board to conduct hearings into the why of it.

There were other strikes such as the one at Cutter Laboratories, the cleaners and dyers, the electrical workers, the machinists at the Marchant plant in Emeryville and the Friden Co in San Leandro, and the dock foremen to call off a few.

P-W FINDS A MEAN OLD WOMAN

Eva Lapin: People's World

"I like Wallace," John Keane said in a thick Irish brogue as he pushed the rubber squeegee up and down while washing the windows of Lipton Tea Co. on Mission St.

"We have only one party today. Only one party in the government." He paused to wipe his hands on his blue coveralls with the union button of AFL Building Service Local 87 pinned up high. "We haven't a thing to lose if Wallace runs. I'll vote for him for sure."

Mary Reaves, a shopping bag tucked under her arm, was walking along Geary St.

Her elderly face lighted up when she was asked about Wallace.

"A friend and I heard him over the radio last night. He was wonderful. You know, he has something of the late President Roosevelt about him. And how I loved that man!"

What did she like particularly about the Wallace speech?

Oh, his talk about peace. Pray God we can have peace and pray God we can have Wallace, too!"

These were two of the most enthusiastic replies received today in a check to see how the man in the street feels about Henry Wallace for President. And while they were not typical, they were more representative than those of overt hostility.

Among scores of people interviewed, there was only one positively negative response, that from a tight-lipped, middle-aged woman who bristled: "Oh, I think he's just terrible."

POSTWAR I WAS NOT VERY NICE, EITHER!

(Editor's Note: Royce Brier, in S. F. Chronicle, after pointing out that most Americans seem to approach this new year of 1948, rather gloomily, tries to cheer us up in the following piece, by showing what a jolly life we were living in 1920, after World War I.)

The biggest war going on as 1920 ran out was the Russian-Polish war. The French General Weygand was in Poland, and pushed the Russians back. The Russians were defeated in a scramble for land, and as a result the Russian economy collapsed, and Lenin imposed the New Economic Policy (NEP) with grim results. There was also an attempt to assassinate Lenin, with equally grim reprisal. The Kronstadt navy mutiny was building up, which nearly wrecked the regime. But Poland was also fighting with Lithuania over Vilna. The League didn't dare hold a plebiscite.

All eastern Europe was sunk in poverty and suffering and quarreling, the Czechs with the Poles, the Romanians with the Hungarians, the Austrians with the Yugoslavs (they were wrangling then about Klagenfurt, and they still are). The Emperor Karl was about to try vainly to regain his throne. Social turmoil ran through middle and southeast Europe. (And Americans were feeding the starving.)

"REDS AND BLACKS"

Germany, of course, was in bad shape. What was known as the Kapp Putsch seized some Berlin buildings, and chased the government to Stuttgart. But still the Germans could march into the Ruhr, where a strike and revolt was on, and the French could countermarch, seizing Frankfurt. In Paris a reparations conference was about to begin—53 billion dollars from Germany—forerunner of the inflation.

France had the Caillaux scandal and labor troubles. Holland wrangled with the allies over the Kaiser. Britain had a big coal strike, the pound was down, and 1,000,000 were unemployed. Bloody, daily, outrages ran in Dublin after the Ireland Act. Labor called the government "criminal." In India the Empire was endangered by the rise of Gandhi, rioting, passive resistance and the inevitable famines.

The whole Mediterranean world was in upheaval. D'Annunzio began the Fiume revolt. Italy had sitdowns, and the beginnings of the Mussolinian era of savage street battling between reds and blacks. Italy also had a small war in Albania. Spain had the Riff war in Morocco, and was in the melancholy road of tyrannical dictatorship.

A sanguinary Greek-Turkish war was going on. In Palestine Arab anti-Jewish rioting began. Egypt resolved on independence. So did Syrians, defying France, England and the League with warfare in Damascus. There were revolts in Latin America, and riots in Manila. In China a "civil war" was going on between the war-lords—to last six years. Japan had inflation, and was killing off revolting Koreans.

IN U.S.: HARDING!

Was everything jake here? Let's see. Warren G. Harding had just been elected, and an almost unprecedented governmental corruption was about to hit us.

There was a big steel strike (which failed to end the 12-hour day), and Prohibition was coming in, one of the greatest social failures of all times. We had incipient gangsterism, some bandits operated in the Hotel Astor, and Chicago cops and gunmen were beginning to shoot it out. There were race riots in Kansas, many lynchings in the South. Juvenile delinquency was talked everywhere, and social dislocation. There was Japanese land law trouble, and local threat of a ferry strike.

Wheat was $1.63, but wages were far below present wages, and High Cost of Living was a phrase about to be born. A Studebaker sedan cost $3140 in San Francisco. At Tait's a Christmas dinner was $3.50 (remember wages and income then). And, by the way, a Western public utility was granted a 10 percent rate raise.

What a world!

AFL CAN BUILD CIVIL RIGHTS

Jewish Labor Committee Release

There is much that members of AFL trade unions can do to further the nation-wide educational campaign now under way to acquaint the American public with the momentous importance of the report recently submitted to President Truman by his Committee on Civil Rights.

The report is a present-day interpretation of the historic Bill of Rights in terms of social and economic problems now confronting us. It calls for a permanent federal Fair Employment Practices law. It advocates other legislative reforms which would end discrimination against Americans because of race or creed and would outlaw such un-American bigotries as anti-Semitism in social and other fields.

Many of the progressive moves which the President's Committee advocates long have been urged by the American Federation of Labor.

Soon after the first of next year, it is learned, the Attorney General plans a conference of national organization leaders to lay plans for implementing the report.

Before and after that, a continuous campaign of education respecting the report must be carried out, say the leaders of labor and others interested in social action toward unity in American life.

In that campaign every union and every working man and woman can play a vital part. The importance of the document must be stressed. Its far-reaching implications must be made known. It should be a subject of discussion in union meetings, in meetings of various other groups, in private homes—everywhere that people gather.

Here is a chance for every good citizen to play a part. Let's not overlook it.

Political Obituary

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

Here lies a man who once was great.
Ambitious, flattered, good, confused,
He has fallen to the low state
Of tool by crooks and traitors used.

4 POINTS ESSENTIAL FOR MARSHAL PLAN SUCCESS

An outline of a four-point program for European Recovery has been issued by the Committee for the Marshall Plan to Aid European Recovery.

The Committee's statement was its first public announcementt on the essential principles of the Marshall Plan, and was released simultaneously in New York and Washington by Robert P. Patterson, former Secretary of War, who is chairman of the Executive Committee, and Dean Acheson, former Under Secretary of State and member of the Executive Committee.

"The Committee for the Marshall Plan believes that a successful program to aid Europe must include these basic elements," Mr. Patterson stated:

1. Effective aid is prompt aid.
2. Effective aid is aid to do the whole job.
3. Effective aid is based on mutual respect and honor.
4. Effective aid is aid which will bring recovery and self-support and not a hopeless load of debt.

The full text of the statement follows:

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The people of the United States know that the recovery of Europe is necessary for our own security and prosperity.

They agree with the President, Secretary Marshall and the Congressional leaders of both parties that aid to Europe strengthens the United States and the United Nations. The United Nations must rest on nations strong and free.

The Committee for the Marshall Plan believes that it is appropriate to list and describe the elements that will make an effective European Recovery Program. The Committee believes that the people and the Congress can judge proposals for European aid by the following guides:

1. Effective Aid is Prompt Aid.

The European Recovery Program must go into effect on April 1, 1948. The new Interim Aid Law will meet the minimum needs of France, Italy, and Austria only to March 31. After that date, they, and by that time other European countries, will be unable to pay for their essential imports. Any gap between the end of the interim aid and the beginning of the European Recovery Program will prevent an effective start on recovery during 1948. It would be a set-back for the whole program.

2. Effective Aid is Aid Which Will Do the Whole Job.

We must spend enough money and ship enough goods to make this a recovery, not a relief program. The President has estimated that it will take about four years—until June, 1952—to achieve recovery, and that about $17 billion will be needed for this period. He has specifically recommended to the Congress an appropriation of $6.8 billion for the first fifteen months, beginning on April 1. This recommendation is based on many careful studies. Europe's real needs are actually greater than this. The recommendation allows only enough to cover the goods that we and the other American countries are expected to supply. If the amount is reduced, or if we do not provide a reasonable share of goods in short supply, the European countries will be able merely to exist. They will not be able to expand their production on which their recovery depends.

The main responsibility for European recovery necessarily lies with the European countries themselves. They must put forth all their energy in the task and they must proceed with it in an orderly way, following careful plans. This they cannot do unless they can feel confident that we will continue our aid until recovery is reached. If the 16 European nations carry out their part of this cooperative program, we must be prepared to carry out our share of the program for the next four and a quarter years.

3. Effective Aid is Based on Mutual Respect and Honor.

It is not easy to give or to receive aid. The successful operation of the aid program will depend on the establishment of workable agreements between ourselves and the European countries, and among those countries. But the 16 European nations which met in Paris last summer, already established production goals for themselves. They have agreed upon plans for European economic cooperation. They have pledged themselves to adopt programs for financial stability. They have entered into agreements covering these points with each other. When our aid program begins next April, we must enter into agreements with these countries based on, fundamentally, the goals, the plans, and the programs that they have voluntarily adopted. If they do their part in meeting their own objectives, then our aid will make recovery certain. But we must realize that these countries will necessarily adopt methods suitable to their own situations in reaching the common goal. And we should ask for no assurance from them that we could not accept with honor if we ourselves needed help.

4. Effective Aid is Aid that Will Bring Recovery and Self-support and Not a Hopeless Load of Debt.

Completion of the European aid program will come when these countries become self-supporting. They will always need large imports because their natural resources will not support their population of 270 million people. They must earn the money to pay for these imports by exporting goods that they make. They cannot at the same time accomplish recovery and provide for the needs of their own people and also earn enough by their exports to pay for their imports and pay off a heavy load of debt as well. We must face the fact that only a part of the sums we advance to make European recovery possible can or should be paid back in dollars. And we must also recognize that, by the same token, we cannot be repaid in goods that could and should be sold by those countries to earn dollars. The reward we seek from our aid program is prosperity, peace and security; that is enough.

THE KNOWLAND HEARST CANAL

The Post-Enquirer

It is beginning to appear that the hostile position taken by the Panamanian Government regarding American bases for defense of the Panama Canal may have been a blessing in disguise, for it has spurred the American Government to new interest in construction of a supplemental canal across Nicaragua—and that is indeed a blessing.

Senator Knowland's measure for an immediate survey of the proposed Nicaraguan Canal has been prepared because of the Panama situation, and it is scheduled for the early consideration of Congress.

Moreover, it has put a new light on the existing inadequacy of the Panama Canal, regardless of the manner in which it might be defended.

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